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Jobs bonanza as £40m retail park is approved

By Samantha McGregor

PLANS for a £40m retail park in Bicester have been approved by councillors.

Consolidated Property Group will build the shopping hub at the new Kingsmere estate, creating 300 full and part time jobs in the process.

The facility will include a Next and Marks & Spencer.

There are also plans for £1m of highway improvements on the A41.

In a statement the developer said it hoped the site would be "fully open by early 2019".

It is the second time CPG has applied to build the retail park at the South West Bicester site.

Last year plans to build six shops, a restaurant, gym and a car park at land on the same site, off Oxford Road, were refused on appeal.

The amended plans included 345 car parking spaces and the retail units were moved away from homes.

The A41 will be widened so an access lane to the park can be created, future-proofing the road to cater for additional traffic for another decade.

During the Cherwell District Council hearing, councillors were told a report had been commissioned to look at the retail impact assessment. It concluded Bicester town centre would not be significantly impacted by the Bicester Gateway development.

However, representatives for Tesco, Bicester Sports Association and developer U and I Group opposed the development citing traffic concerns and the impact of the retail park on the town centre.

U and I Group and Bicester Sports Association are in partnership to redevelop pitches at Oxford Road into a retail park.

Cllr Richard Mould said he backed the recommendation for approval although he had opposed the plans last year based on traffic issues, lack of parking and overdevelopment of the site.

He said: "I think the effort the developers have put in on this plan has answered most of the questions I had last year.

"On the whole I think this is a good development for Bicester. I haven't spoken to anybody that's objected to the shops going out there."

Cllr Lynn Pratt said it was unfortunate the shops could not go in the town centre. She said: "But there is a need for shops to service the town of Bicester as it continues to grow.

"It's ludicrous residents have to travel to other towns to access stores.

"Residents will be delighted to see a development like this."

Cllr Ian Corkin said he believed the development would eventually help lift the town centre. He said: "If you are surrounded by a vibrant retail economy I think that will serve it well into the future."

In a statement CPG said it welcomed the decision. It said: "We are aiming to have the retail park fully open by early 2019 and will be announcing the full tenant line up to complement M&S and Next as soon as we have concluded contracts with other operators.

"The local support has been very much appreciated and has been a major factor in ensuring that these new shops, which will create a very valuable 300 full and part time jobs, are part of the future of Bicester."

The new retail park will include Marks & Spencer and a Next store

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Synalpheus pinkfloydi is named after the legendary rock band Pink Floyd

Scientist names new species of shrimp after music heroes

A NEWLY-DISCOVERED species of shrimp has already claimed 'rock star status' by being named after the band Pink Floyd.

The glowing pink-clawed pistol shrimp, discovered on the Pacific coast of Panama, has been given the name in recognition of the discoverer's favourite rock band.

The scientific name for the conspicuously coloured pistol shrimp, Synalpheus pinkfloydi, was published in Zootaxa journal on Wednesday last week.

Pistol shrimps, or snapping shrimps, have an ability to generate substantial amounts of sonic energy by closing their enlarged claw at rapid speed.

The sound it creates is one of the loudest in the ocean and is strong enough to kill a small fish.

Dr Sammy De Grave, head of research at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History and the report's author, has been an avid fan of Pink Floyd.

He said: "I have been listening to Floyd since The Wall was released in 1979, when I was 14 years old.

"I've seen them play live several times since, including the Hyde Park reunion gig for Live 8 in 2005. The description of this new species of pistol shrimp was the perfect opportunity to finally give a nod to my favourite band."

The newly-identified species has a closely-related and similar-looking sister species, called Synalpheus antillensis.

The authors of the new paper found that the two species show considerable genetic divergence, granting new species status to S. pinkfloydi.

Animals feature frequently in the Floyd back-catalogue, with the 1977 album Animals featuring a track titled Dogs, Sheep, and a suite of music dedicated to pigs.

Other biologists have also named a damselfly after the album Umma gumma. Until last week there have been no crustacean names known to honour the band.

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Homeless group on the move yet again

By Eva Astreinidou

A group of homeless people have had to leave a fourth Oxford building and are now looking for a place to stay so they can 'turn their lives around'.

The rough sleepers, who are part of the Open House campaign, have had to move yet again, after most recently staying in empty offices above Sainsbury's on Cowley Road.

On Monday, the group posted on their Facebook page: "We have decided to officially leave the space on the Cowley Road, as it is not a suitable space to be in (no electric etc.) So, we are looking for spaces for the residents who have gotten jobs or who are just starting jobs.

"If anyone has a spare room or can think of any creative solutions. We need around five beds in the city. We need stable spaces so that people can continue to get themselves sorted.

"It is very difficult to keep a job if you don't have somewhere to keep your belongings and sleep safely and soundly."

The Open House campaign first made headlines in January when the group took up residence in a former VW showroom in Iffley Road owned by Wadham College, who are planning to build student accommodation there.

After the group had been served papers to leave the garage they relocated to the Old Power Station in Osney, owned by Said Business School.

Following a hearing at Oxford County Court on March 13, the university successfully claimed its possession rights over the property on the basis that the Said Business School has plans for the renovation and redevelopment of the power station.

After that, the group stayed at a former restaurant in South Parade, Summertown, for three weeks, but were served papers to vacate within 24 hours on April 6. They then moved into the premises in Cowley Road.

Neo, one of the organisers of Open House, said the group is now in talks with Oxford City Council which is trying to negotiate with a charity and the university to come up with a more permanent solution for accommodation.

Neo has himself lived on the streets on and off for 26 years and has chosen to help the group of homeless people find their feet.

He said the group started from 23 people and has now gone down to 12, as some have managed to find jobs and move out. He said the talks of coming up with a solution have a specific timeframe which the squatters have to stick to.

He said: "We have to put a time limit on it and if they are serious about turning their lives around they will.

"We have to give them purpose, otherwise there is no reason to change."

A representative from Oxford University's 'On Your Doorstep,' a charity for homelessness, said: "We are amazed at the continued persistence shown by the Open House group as they continue to provide shelter for those who need it most.

"It is imperative that corporations and organisations support this cause and use their empty buildings to house the homeless where possible – so many lives could be saved."

Man wanted after assault in bar

A CCTV image has been released of a man officers want to speak to in connection with an assault.

The attack happened at Maxwell's Bar at about 2.30am on March 19.

Police said the victim, a 20-year-old man, got into a verbal altercation with an unknown man who then hit the victim on the head.

Investigating officer, PC James Rudge of the city centre neighbourhood team, said: "We are appealing to the man

in this CCTV image or anyone who knows or recognises him to contact police because we believe he may have vital information about the incident."

Contact police on 101 if you have any information.

Car-azy day at auction

MOTORING enthusiasts dug deep into their pockets and raised their tickets for a unique vintage car auction.

Sixty cars went under the hammer at Bicester Heritage on April 5 and, by the end of the afternoon, 75 per cent of entries had found new homes.

Overall the sale, organised by Brightwells auctioneers, grossed just over £1m with bidders from as far afield as Canada, Dubai and Singapore.

Top price of the day went to a restored 1923 Vauxhall OD 23/60 Kington Tourer that sold for £71,500.

Another French Grand Routier that fared well was the delightful 1939 Hotchkiss 686 Monte Carlo Decouvrable which sold for a mid-estimate £44,000.

Top seller among the post-war cars was a 1955 Jaguar XK140SE Coupe, which fetched the required £55,000 despite being a less market-friendly left-hand drive example.

Brightwells' managing director Richard Binnersley said: "Our hard-working consignors had assembled a wonderfully diverse and intriguing selection of cars including some real rarities that have never been seen at auction before. The atmosphere in the magnificent surroundings of Bicester Heritage was truly something to savour."

The 1923 Vauxhall OD 23/60 Kington Tourer sold for £71,500

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Appeal after death

POLICE are continuing to appeal for witnesses after a quad bike driver suffered serious injuries and later died.

The single vehicle collision happened between 7.30pm and 7.45pm on Monday April 3, on the A4095 between Chesterton and Kirtlington.

The rider, a man in his twenties, was taken to hospital with serious head injuries and died the following Tuesday.

Anyone with information should call PC Phil Hanham, via 101, quoting incident reference 1440 of 3 April 2017.

Sexual assault

POLICE have released an e-fit of a man they want to talk to after a woman was sexually assaulted.

The 24-year-old woman, was walking from Sheep Street onto London Road at about 9.15pm on Monday, March 27, when she noticed a man walking towards her on the other side of the road. The man then crossed the road and approached the victim and touched her inappropriately and walked towards the town centre.

The man is described as Asian or mixed race, in his mid to late 20s, about 5ft 7ins, slim, with marks or spots on his face, dark coloured eyes and dark coloured eyebrows.

Call 101 quoting reference 43170090679 if you can help.

MPs 'looking forward' to election

By Eva Astreinidou

OXFORDSHIRE MPs have responded to Prime Minister Theresa May's decision to call a snap General Election to secure the "strong leadership this country needs" in the midst of Brexit negotiations.

The PM made the surprise statement outside Number 10 Downing Street on Tuesday following a cabinet meeting and announced the election would take place on June 8, despite previously saying there would not be another election before 2020.

She said: "Our opponents believe that because the Government's majority is so small, our resolve will weaken and that they can force us to change course. They are wrong.

"They under-estimate our determination to get the job done and I am not prepared to let them endanger the security of millions of working people across the country."

Now local MPs, five of which are Conservatives, are coming forward and asking people to make a choice.

John Howell, MP for Henley, said: "It is important that the country understands that a strong and stable Government is in all our interests.

"Every vote cast for Theresa May and the Conservatives will count to strengthen Britain's hand on the international stage.

"The choice is therefore between a strong and stable leadership in the national interest with Theresa May and the Conservatives – or a weak and unstable government led by Jeremy Corbyn."

Victoria Prentis, MP for North Oxfordshire, said: "The Prime Minister's decision to hold an early election is the right one. It demonstrates that she has been listening to the public and is determined to ensure that she has a strong mandate behind her before our detailed talks with the European Union begin.

"I look forward to supporting the Prime Minister in the Division lobby and making the most of this one-off chance to provide the country with the stability and certainty it needs as we steer a new course outside the European Union."

Robert Courts, MP for Witney and West Oxfordshire, said: "Since the by-election six months ago, I have worked tirelessly for the people of West Oxfordshire.

"With a General Election likely, all Conservative MPs will of course look forward to making the case for the Conservatives to provide strong compassionate leadership locally and nationally.

Nicola Blackwood, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, said: "As we go in to Brexit negotiations we need certainty and security for the country with a strong and stable Government, so an election now will help to provide this.

"I have demonstrated my commitment to fighting for Oxford West & Abingdon's priorities over the past seven years and I hope that residents will continue to trust me to deliver this."

Wantage MP, the Conservative Ed Vaizey was unavailable for comment.

■ Oxford East MP Andrew Smith has decided not to run as a candidate in the election. The 66-year-old has announced he is stepping down after 30 years in the seat.

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We'll show vandals the door, say 'fairies' targeted by yobs

By George Welch

A GROUP of people who decorated a wood with magical fairy doors have vowed to keep making them despite vandals destroying and stealing dozens of their creations.

The 'fairies' are undeterred by the damage to the little doors, which began appearing from August last year in an enchanted wood between Kidlington and Begbroke.

Evil doers have vandalised and removed the doors twice over the past month and on Christmas Day.

Fairy Doors of Kidlington said: "Some get damaged by over excited children and it is fully understandable. But broken purposefully or removed is extremely disappointing."

More than 155 doors have been constructed but many have been broken or removed over time. There are in excess of 60-90 doors at any one time but the number is constantly changing, the fairies said.

It is thought more than 30 of the doors have been vandalised over the last month.

"We'll continue to put doors out and I'm sure many other people will continue to put doors out," the fairies said.

Some of the magical fairy doors at the enchanted wood between Kidlington and Begbroke
Pictures: Fairy Doors of Kidlington

"We always notice [the doors being] damaged or removed. We feel upset and disappointed that someone would damage something that does not harm and brings a lot of fun and enjoyment to children. We try to repair and put back up damaged doors. Doors reappearing is just the process of us and many other families now putting doors back out.

"A big thank to everyone who puts a door out. Every single one looks fantastic."

The fairies have threatened prosecution to those who vandalise the homes.

All the doors are individual and handmade and take around two hours each to make by a single person, with a little bit of help from people of all ages, from two-year-olds to those in their 70s.

The fairies, who wish to remain anonymous, said: "Apart from spreading a bit of wonder and excitement for kids – of all ages – it's fun, and the feedback we get from the majority of people is that they like it.

"We've noticed a large increase in families walking the pathway in a regular basis."

Inspired by a visit to the Northern Irish mountain of Slieve Gullion, which had a fairy door walk, the designs have been placed high and low in the wood creating a sense of awe.

The fairies said: "Think of your own childhood and the wonderment and belief in many things. Even as adults we still have as much wonderment in just appreciating the child's reaction to the doors.

"They are fun and the kids can take ownership by making and painting their own.

"We will put new doors out. I also ask everyone to do the same. Let's replace them with more beautiful doors."

Man badly injured by thug gang

A MAN was hospitalised with serious arm injuries when he was attacked by a gang in Blackbird Leys.

The victim was approached and assaulted by a group of four men near to the children's play area in Gillians Park, Frys Hill, shortly before 9pm on Wednesday last week.

Following the assault, the victim made his way towards Dunnocks Way where he was given first aid by members of the public who also alerted police.

During the assault the victim sustained serious injuries to his arms that required hospital treatment.

His injuries are not thought to be life-threatening.

Police described one of the offenders as a black man, tall, around 23 or 24 years old, with a large build and short hair.

A second offender is described as a mixed race man, short, around 24 or 25 years old with a braided pony-tail and a beard.

Investigating officer, Det Sgt Wojciech Spyt, based at Oxford Police Station, said: "Such offences will not be tolerated. With further information from the public I am confident we can bring those responsible to justice."

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Lillie spearheads crucial campaign for blood donors

By Eva Astreinidou

CHILDREN who depend on transfusions have kickstarted a campaign urging people to donate blood.

Nine-year-old Lillie Christie is one of several youngsters participating in an Easter-themed bid to raise awareness and say 'thank you' to those who helped save her life through blood donations.

The campaign also aims to tackle the seasonal shortage in blood.

Lillie fell critically ill in 2013 after suffering a severe drop in her haemoglobin, which is needed to carry oxygen around the body.

The little girl needed 10 blood transfusions over two years at Oxford John Radcliffe Hospital and thanks to those donors her blood level is now where it should be.

Lillie's father Richard said: "We are eternally grateful to all the selfless people who are willing to give blood to help people like our daughter. She wouldn't be with us now without blood donors – we cannot thank them enough."

Karen Healy, senior marketing co-ordinator at NHS Blood and Transplant, said: "Why not swap a chocolate egg for a cup of tea and a chocolate biscuit at your local Oxford donor centre?

"Every blood donation can help save or improve up to three lives and we would like to thank all our blood donors for their dedication. The need for blood never stops and I urge donors to book an appointment in the Easter holidays if it's time for them to donate again."

Blood stocks tend to be lower around public holidays like Easter as the weather improves and people are away on holiday or enjoying days out with family.

Lillie Christie needed 10 blood transfusions to save her life

With a shelf life of 35 days, it is vital that the blood supply is replenished quickly. Hospitals across England need more than 6,000 donations every day.

Blood or the components of it are used to treat patients with medical conditions such as anaemia, cancer blood disorders and those having surgery.

NHS Blood and Transplant particularly needs to ensure supplies of the universal blood group O negative, which is often in short supply as demand is so great.

There is also a need for supplies of rarer blood types including A negative and B negative.

It's also important for more people from black and Asian backgrounds to donate blood. Some disorders, such as sickle cell disease and thalassaemia are more common in patients from these backgrounds and they have a need for well matched blood.

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Oxford Donor Centre is located in John Radcliffe Hospital and is open on weekdays with two late evenings.

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BMW staff walk out in 24-hour dispute over pension provision

WORKERS on BMW production lines making Minis and car engines, including in Cowley, went on strike yesterday for the first of a series of 24-hour walkouts.

Staff at the car giant voted overwhelmingly to go on strike over a pensions dispute at the end of last month.

Car workers took to the picket lines outside plants from early morning with placards accusing BMW of 'pension robbery' and demanding the car maker stops 'driving off' with their pensions.

According to workers and the Unite union the pension change could see some lose up to £160,000 in retirement income.

Unite announced eight 24-hour strikes at the start of the month between yesterday and May 24 that will impact up to 3,500 workers in Cowley, Swindon, Goodwood and the Hams Hall plant in the west Midlands.

Picket lines were opened from 6am yesterday at Cowley, Hams Hall and Swindon.

Unite general secretary Len McCluskey said: "BMW's refusal to discuss affordable options to keep the pension scheme open means that for the first time its UK workforce will be taking strike action.

"It is very much the last resort for a world class workforce and one which could have been avoided if BMW's bosses had been willing to negotiate meaningfully with Unite.

"Instead BMW has paid lip service to the concerns of a workforce whose hard work and efficiency has helped the German carmaker achieve record sales amid surging profits and sought to pinch their pensions.

"BMW's bosses should be under no illusion of the determination of Unite members to defend their pensions. They are in this for the long haul."

A BMW spokesperson has previously said: "BMW has always prided itself in providing excellent pensions for its staff and wants to act now to protect future pension provision for its UK workforce."

Workers at the Cowley plant are also due to strike on four further dates, including Sunday, May 16, 18 and 21.

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Jewels, cash and gadgets stolen in 10 house raids

POLICE are on the hunt for thieves after jewellery, cash and electronics were stolen in a series of burglaries across Oxford and South and Vale.

There were thefts from 10 homes between March 31 and April 13.

Between around 10.30am and 6.30pm on March 31 jewellery and electronics were taken from a house in Hamilton Road.

On April 3 thieves smashed a window and stole jewellery and a watch from a house in Delamare Way, Cumnor.

Between 4pm and 8pm on April 4 a neighbour disturbed four people trying to gain entry to a house in Rothafield Road, Oxford. Nothing was stolen.

Several watches were stolen from a house in Arnolds Way, Oxford, between March 27 and April 4.

Between 11.30pm on April 8 and 9am on April 9 offenders failed to break into a house in Banbury Road. Nothing was stolen.

Between 5pm on Monday last week and 5pm on Tuesday last week thieves smashed a door to a home in Woodstock Road, Oxford, but nothing was stolen.

Between 9.30am and 11.55am on Tuesday last week offenders snatched cash, jewellery and a purse from a house in Scholar Place, Cumnor.

Between midnight and 10.40am on Tuesday last week, three people were disturbed trying to break in to a house in Woodstock Road, Oxford, through a first floor window.

Between 8.30am and 6.30pm on Wednesday last week thieves took cash from a house in Plantation Road, Oxford.

Between 4.30pm on Wednesday last week and 7.15am on Thursday last week raiders failed to gain entry to a house in Davenant Road, Oxford, by forcing a window frame.

Oxford City Council leader Bob Price and Phil Southall of Oxford Bus Company at the launch

Bus tickets £1 for the under 18s

YOUNG people can commute any day, any time at a bargain price thanks to a new travel card.

The Oxford Bus Company has launched the Get Around card for anyone aged 18 and under, giving youngsters the opportunity to travel for single fares of £1.

This comes at the same time as the expansion of the "kids go free" offer on the X90 coach service to London to every day of the week.

Phil Southall, managing director of Oxford Bus Company, said "With recent legislation requiring young people to stay in education until the age of 18, we've had a lot of requests for more tailored travel options for youngsters in education and training.

"This card comes in addition to our existing range of tickets for under 19s, and we hope this helps Oxford's young people 'get around' more easily while they're still studying."

Leader of Oxford City Council Bob Price said: "I very much welcome this initiative from the Oxford Bus Company.

"It will be a real help to young people to access the leisure and sporting facilities that the council provides and will help the many less well off families."

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Cycle route team in call for support

CAMPAIGNERS vowing to bring about a 366-mile cycling network are inviting people to join them in a call to action.

This Saturday at 2pm, the Oxfordshire Cycling Network (OCN) will hold a mass gathering outside County Hall to endorse a major network for cyclists and ask county election candidates for support.

The event will host 11 groups of cyclists riding in from around the county.

OCN launched its plan last month.

It is seeking support for the scheme, which could see towns, workplaces and transport hubs linked with safe and direct cycle routes.

According to OCN, the project would bring huge economic and health benefits to Oxfordshire people, while also cutting air pollution.

The new route would have smooth tarmac, would be at least three metres wide and separated from busy roads by a green verge.

In town, cycle tracks would be separated from both pedestrians and vehicles, and would continue across junctions.

The network might take 15 or 20 years to build and OCN's first estimate of costs is £120 million.

Singers have a blast belting out ballads for good causes

By Eva Astreinidou

Singers from the Rock Choir performing at the Didcot Railway Centre to raise awareness and funds for local charities

A FLASH mob stunned audiences across Oxfordshire with rock ballads in efforts to help raise awareness and funds for local charities.

The Oxfordshire Rock Choir toured across Abingdon, Banbury, Didcot and Oxford, bursting into song to celebrate local charities Oxfordshire Mind and Katherine House Hospice.

The choir has been travelling the county this month and its members had no idea where they would be performing as they set off for the days ahead.

Highlights included singing at Blenheim Palace Chapel, performing various flash mobs in Waterstones, Boswells and Blackwells Literacy Festival Marquee in Oxford.

They also managed to fit in a performance at local residential homes and Didcot Railway Centre.

Oxfordshire Mind, a local mental health charity now in its 50th year, runs a wide range of services for anyone over the age of 16 who is affected by mental health problems.

Naomi Govier, leader of the Rock Choir, said: "I had been informed of the really important work Oxfordshire Mind does by one of my members who uses the service, and had mentioned how much it's helped her.

"I have a strong belief that our mental health is just as important as our physical wellbeing; many of our choir members attend Rock Choir for this very reason.

"Singing has a profound effect on our mental health as is continuously mentioned in scientific research papers as well as countless newspaper articles. Our Rock Choir members know that when they come each week they can leave their worries at home for that hour and a half and enjoy singing and being with their friends."

"We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the tour, particularly to each venue that agreed to let us perform. We had a blast."

Rock Choir is the UK's largest contemporary choir, with more than 25,000 members in over 340 local communities.

Previously, the choir, which has been running for a decade now, has offered its members a chance to record at the iconic Abbey Road Studios and tour with well-known celebrities such as former X Factor winner, Sam Bailey.

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Support the Oxfordshire Guardian's charity of the year – Play2Give

Charity's a real brick when it comes to its support for hospital

A HAVEN of tranquillity at an Oxford hospital has received a boost from Didcot charity Play2Give.

P2G, our charity of the year, has given a £100 boost to a sensory garden based on the outpatient's floor of the Oxford Children's Hospital.

The charity's donation will help keep the garden's upkeep spick and span and Andy Baker, who set up the charity in September 2007, said he was delighted the organisation was able to add its gesture to an outstanding feature of the hospital.

The 28-year-old said: "I recently got taken on a tour of the sensory garden within the outpatients of the children's hospital, and I was blown away.

"It was the first time and first part of the children's hospital I had ever seen, as it is tucked away behind the kids outpatients, but it was breath taking and stunning. I couldn't believe it.

"It is a beautiful well thought of part of the hospital in terms of relaxation and calm for so many kids whilst they can be in hospital for days or sometimes weeks on end and allows them and their parents to get away from the noise and bustle of the wards to slip away for a bit of peace and quiet within a tranquil area that is an oasis of peace."

The garden boasts a wide range of decorations from wooden carved sculptures of owls and turtles to colourful creatures and artificial turf grass benches that helps to make stays in hospital for the young patients and their families a bit brighter, colourful and comfortable.

P2G, which has raised over £40,000 for Oxford's Children's Hospital in almost a decade, will have a brick laid in the garden in recognition of the £100 donation and funds raised through its Christmas 'Sleigh-2Give' campaign that helped deliver more than 3,000 gifts to sick children last Christmas.

Born with a brain injury, Andy, who underwent brain surgery aged 12 after suffering a further head injury when he was eight, added: "We are delighted to have a brick in our name and I cannot wait to see it be cemented into the ground where it will lay with many other donors for a lifetime to come.

"This, together with our lifelong room that we have sponsored and named on Melanie's Ward, is two lovely sentiments within a hospital that means so much to me for all they did to treat me when I was young."

Other supporters whose names are etched on bricks cemented into the garden's ground includes Rosie's Rainbow Fund, Team Mikayla, ASDA Wheatley and O.S.C.A.R.

Erica Watson, senior play specialist at the Oxford Children's Hospital, added: "Charitable funds and many families helped to make the sensory gardens a reality.

"It took two years to achieve our goal and now it provides an additional space that offers children of all ages and abilities the opportunity to enjoy an outside space that incorporates sensory noises, textured plants and a place to get away from the busy Hospital life. It is a quiet, calm and safe space.

"Thank you Play2Give and everyone else locally that has supported this project and hopefully will do in the future."

This year marks P2G's 10th anniversary and Andy is hoping to mark the occasion by raising £10k for P2G's main charity's, Oxford Children's Hospital and Headway Oxfordshire.

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Finalists in business awards are revealed

THE 30 finalists of the 2017 Cherwell Business Awards have been announced.

There are 10 categories ranging from innovation and creativity to charity and community, and start-ups.

Three finalists have been shortlisted for each category.

These include Rock The Atic, Savoir Fare and Sigma Digital Marketing Ltd in the new business award, Dove and Conway Opticians, Options Boutique and The Artery in the retail award category and for the business person award Chris Maynard of Castle Minibus, Reg Howe of Reg's Café and Ryan Mold of Rock the Atic.

The winner of each award category, as well as the overall winner, will be announced at a gala dinner and awards ceremony taking place on May 5, at at Heythrop Park, Enstone.

Cherwell District Council is the headline sponsor.

Adrian Colwell, Cherwell's head of strategic planning and the economy, said: "We have a vibrant mix of successful enterprises in the Cherwell district and we need these awards to make sure businesses' contribution gets the recognition it deserves."

Theatre wins £80,000 to improve its seating

By Samantha McGregor

A BANBURY theatre has won a grant to the tune of £80,000 for the first phase of major refurbishment plans.

The cash, agreed by Cherwell District Council, will be used for new seating at the Mill Arts Centre.

Councillors also backed the venue's five-year plan and have committed to support its trustees to secure long-term investment.

The centre currently runs a wide-ranging programme that includes cinema, comedy, dance, music and theatre as well as a range of workshops and classes. It has recently established a charitable trust responsible for producing a five-year plan.

Ian Davies, Cherwell's interim chief executive said, said: "The Mills Arts Centre Trust has done an exemplary job of replacing lost grant aid with additional earned income and funding from other trusts and foundations.

"Cherwell is delighted to support the venue's future plans for artistic delivery to the people of north Oxfordshire and will continue to provide an annual grant to support it.

The Mill at Banbury will spend its £80,000 grant on new seating in the first phase of refurbishment

"The Mill has done a great job of attracting new audiences, but market research has shown the seating needs to improve to attract repeat attendance.

"Cherwell's grant will help the Mill deliver a more comfortable customer experience, contributing to the sustainability of one of north Oxfordshire's most important venues."

The new seating will come as the first of three phases of planned improvements to the building. Work will start in August. It will create more legroom, a more comfortable visitor experience, and allow a modest increase in capacity.

The second phase of improvement work will include the toilets, hospitality and backstage areas.

Ultimately the plan is to encourage more repeat custom, which will help the overall viability of the venue.

The centre was one of the casualties of Oxfordshire County Council funding cuts. In 2013 it lost £90,000 of its annual grant and had to lay-off staff.

News Bites

Burglary clue

N OXON: Police have released a CCTV image of a man wanted in connection with a burglary in Thrupp.

A man entered a house in Canal Road and picked up an envelope of cash, but put it back when he was disturbed.

He later returned to the property and stole the cash.

The incident took place at 9.30am on March 29.

Golf fundraiser

THAME: A charity golf day hosted by mayor Cllr Linda Emery raised more than £1,000 for her charities, Thame Youth Projects and the Red Kite Family Centre.

It took place on April 7 at The Oxfordshire Golf Club.

Pressure check

THAME: The Stroke Association and Thame and Haddenham and District Rotary Clubs are joining forces to offer a free blood pressure check at the Cooperative Supermarket on Saturday from 10am to 2pm.

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Pop-up shops boost for start-ups

BANBURY has launched a scheme to help budding retail businesses get a foot on the ladder.

Start-ups can take advantage of a 'pop-up' shop initiative to trial their ideas without committing to a long lease.

The scheme is run by Cherwell District Council, through its Banbury town team co-ordination contract with Flashop UK.

So far the number of empty units in the town centre has been reduced from 54 to 35.

Participants will be referred to an expert support service to get them up to speed with business planning basics.

The aim is to help them build up a positive track record and solid business plan for presentation to future landlords who might otherwise be reluctant to agree leases.

Adrian Colwell, Cherwell's head of strategic planning and the economy, said: "The pop-up shops are helping us keep our streets vibrant, grow the local economy and strengthen Banbury's reputation as a shopping destination.

"What's more, it is a great way to give our residents the opportunity to test their products and business ideas and ultimately, create more jobs.

"Therefore, I would like to encourage entrepreneurs who may have been prevented from starting their enterprise by set-up costs and the fear of failing to give it a go."

A pop-up shop can be hired for a weekly fee which includes rent and utilities.

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Banbury town centre

Taxi driver taking passengers to the airport was not insured

By Samantha McGregor

A TAXI driver was caught without insurance and a valid licence while taking passengers to the airport.

Tye Edwards, 40, of Cromwell Avenue, Thame, appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court earlier this month and admitted operating a private hire vehicle without a valid licence and using a vehicle without insurance.

He was fined £500 and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £50 and £500 towards prosecution costs. He was also given six penalty points on his driving licence.

Magistrates were told that last September, Edwards, who was trading as KML Cars, was stopped by police on the M25 as he was driving passengers to the airport.

It was noted he was not displaying a private hire vehicle plate, which is required by law, and after a check an expired plate was found hidden under a jacket inside the vehicle.

The plate showed his licence had ended 10 months earlier.

South Oxfordshire District Council, which oversees private hire licensing, brought the prosecution.

It said further checks revealed that Edwards' vehicle had also failed a roadworthiness test in March 2016, which meant he was operating the vehicle unlawfully and his insurance was also invalid.

The passengers being driven to Heathrow had booked the trip via their travel agent – and both believed the vehicle was a legitimate private hire, the council said.

Margaret Reed, head of legal and democratic services, said: "Taxi drivers are responsible for ensuring their vehicles are on the road legally. This was a serious case where someone was charging people to ride in an unlicensed, uninsured and unroadworthy vehicle.

"This was potentially very dangerous for the passengers and other road users.

"We would also urge anyone using a private hire or Hackney carriage vehicle to check that it has a valid licence plate before they get into the vehicle."

The council also confirmed Edwards was no longer licensed by either the South Oxfordshire or Vale of White Horse district councils to drive a private hire or Hackney carriage vehicle.

News Bites

33 flag designs

THAME: A competition to design the town council's new flag has received 33 entries.

The new flag will be flown outside the Town Hall throughout the year, except when the flagpole is being used to mark special and significant occasions.

The only requirement was that the design incorporates the town council branding colours and town logo and crest.

The winning design will be decided on May 9.

Job club success

BICESTER: More than 100 people attended a job fair organised by Cherwell District Council.

A total of 16 local employers and organisations took part in the event, which also offered tips and advice to job hunters.

The Bicester and Banbury job clubs take place on alternate Fridays.

Girls' football

BICESTER: Girls aged five to 11 can take part in free Football Association-led sessions.

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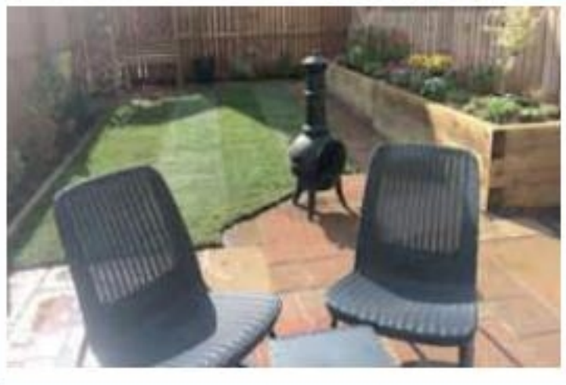

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Closing date: Friday, May 19.

Saturday 26th sees Major Lazer, Korn, Flume, Oxford's own Glass Animals, Andy C, While She Sleeps and Black Lips covering all the bases ahead of Eminem's unmissable headline show.

And before Muse take over the main stage on Sunday 27th August, fans can take in the return of the mighty Liam Gallagher, Blossoms, Giggs, Haim, Wiley, Marshmello, The Hunna and Ash across the various stages.

In fact almost 200 acts have been announced so far, with more to come including the BBC Introducing and Alternative stages for the best in comedy and up and coming acts. There really is something for every music fan to make Reading 2017 an unforgettable weekend with your mates.

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Nicola's loss makes her a winner!

A super-slimmer who has used her own weight-loss success to help others in Steventon to shed the pounds has reached the finals of a national competition.

Nicola Ireland, who runs a Slimming World group helping tons of people to lose weight each week, was invited to the organisation's head office as part of its national Consultant Slimmer of the Year competition.

Nicola, who runs two groups in Steventon Village Hall, is 5st 1lb lighter, and her achievements saw her become one of just 32 Consultants from across the UK and Ireland to win a place at the finals of Consultant Slimmer of the Year 2017. All Slimming World Consultants have lost weight with the organisation themselves and the competition celebrates their remarkable transformations, as well as the way they support their members to become healthier and happier.

At her heaviest Nicola weighed 15st and found both her health and confidence were beginning to suffer. So on 28th August 2015 the 32-year-old joined her local Slimming World group.

She started following Slimming World's Food Optimising healthy eating plan and says: "Being able to lose weight without feeling hungry seemed too good to be true, but I'm living proof that filling up on healthy foods like fruit and veg, pasta, potatoes and lean meats really does work. Losing weight was obviously an enormous achievement and I've also gained so much more besides – a new zest for life, great new friends and even a fab new business.

"I was nervous when I first walked through the door of my Slimming World group, but it was without doubt one of the best decisions I've ever made. It's made me a lot more active too. Before I lost weight I didn't do any real exercise, but Slimming World helped me to become much more active. Now I run and walk regularly. My whole life is completely different."

In June 2016, Nicola decided to train to become a Slimming World Consultant herself. She wanted to help and support other people in the community to change their lives in the same way that she had. Now she supports over 150 slimmers at her groups in Steventon, which are held every Wednesday at 9:30am, 5:30 & 7:30pm at Steventon Village Hall.

She says: "Slimming World only recruits people to become Consultants who have lost weight with Slimming World themselves, because it's so important that we have a real understanding of how it feels to struggle with your weight. Everyone has those initial jitters when they decide to join a Slimming World group for the first time, but people soon realise that we are all there for the same reason – because we want to do something about our weight. I always remember how lovely everyone was to me on that first night and every week of my journey, and I make sure I show that same care and respect to all of my own members.

"The training I received and still receive from the Slimming World Academy in both nutrition and the psychology of slimming is absolutely second to none. There are great rewards for building a successful

group and supporting lots of members too, although nothing beats the satisfaction I get from helping people to lose weight and transform their lives. Seeing their health and confidence improve, as well as their whole outlook on life change, is a reward in itself. Losing weight doesn't just bring physical benefits; it's also as though another weight has been lifted off of people's shoulders because being overweight is such an emotional burden, too. Making the finals of a national competition is such an honour – I never would have predicted this when I was 5st heavier!"

Nicola's weight loss put her in the running for Slimming World's Consultant Slimmer of the Year 2017 competition, which was open to all of the club's 4,500 Consultants who have lost weight in the last 12 months. She attended the finals at the club's head office in Derbyshire on Sunday 5th February and was presented with a certificate and gift by Slimming World's CEO Caryl Richards.

The Steventon Slimming World group is held every Wednesday at 9:30am, 5:30 & 7:30pm at Steventon Village Hall. Everyone's welcome and anyone who'd like to find out more can visit www.slimmingworld.com or call Nicola on 07704633840.

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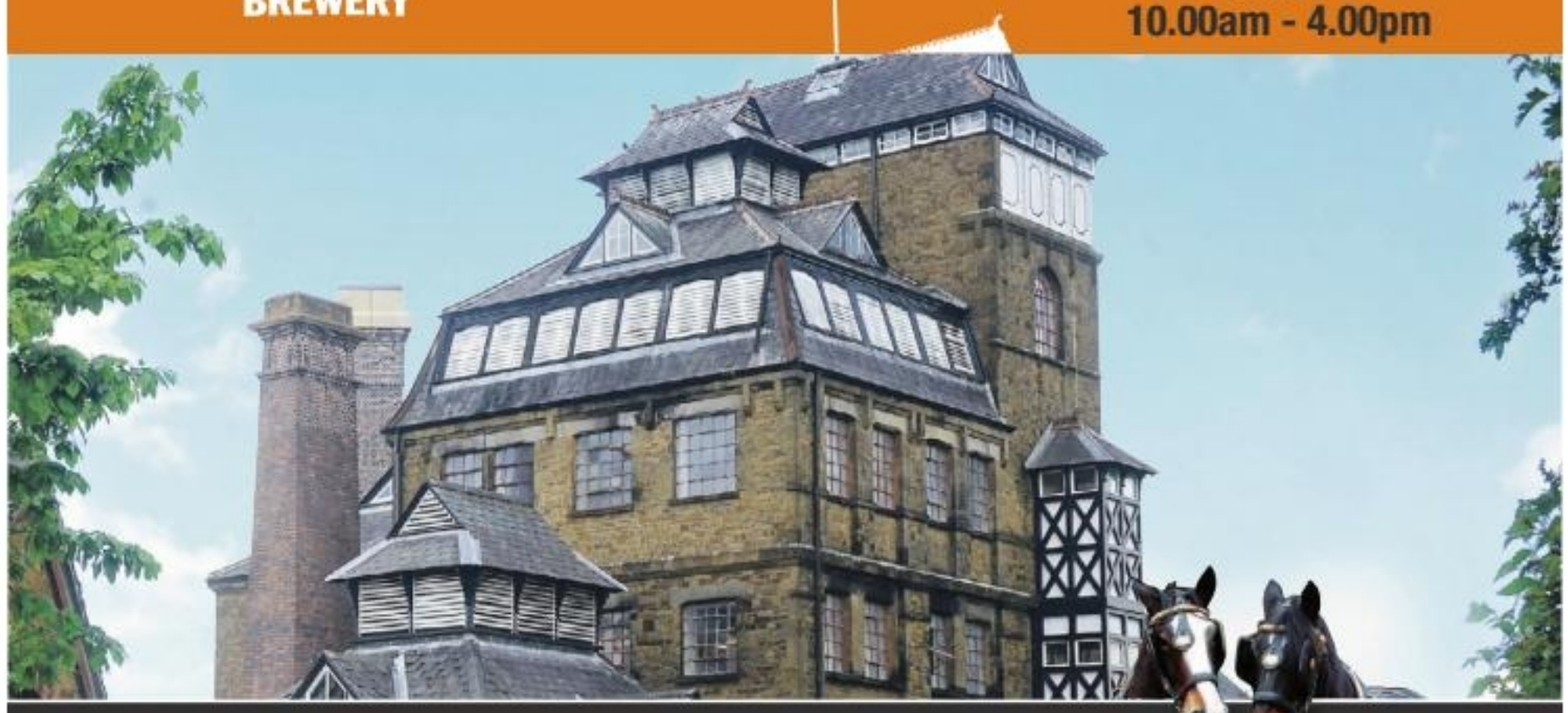

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Grand Designs Live, London is on from April 29 – May 7 2017 at ExCeL, London from 10am – 6pm on April 29, 30, May 1, 5, 6 and from 10am – 5pm on May 2, 3, 4 and 7.

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Quick Clues Across

1 Designate (6)
7 Non-professional (7)
8 Adolescent (7)
9 Dead language (5)
10 Meaningless talk (9)
12 Organ of hearing (3)
13 Thick, broad piece (4)
15 Forceful (7)
17 Sandy ridge (4)
19 Hairy surface (3)
21 Make whole (9)
22 Mature (5)
23 Leopardlike animal (7)
24 Clergymen (7)
25 Muttered remarks (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Small planet (8)
2 Heavy hammer (6)
3 Place for storing grain
4 Item of furniture (5)
5 Edible seed (6)
6 Type of golf club (4)
7 Aerial navigation (11)
11 Manufactured (4)
13 Mark (4)
14 Trousers (8)
16 Entrance (7)
18 Brother's son (6)
20 Split (6)
21 Asian country (5)
22 Nationality (4)

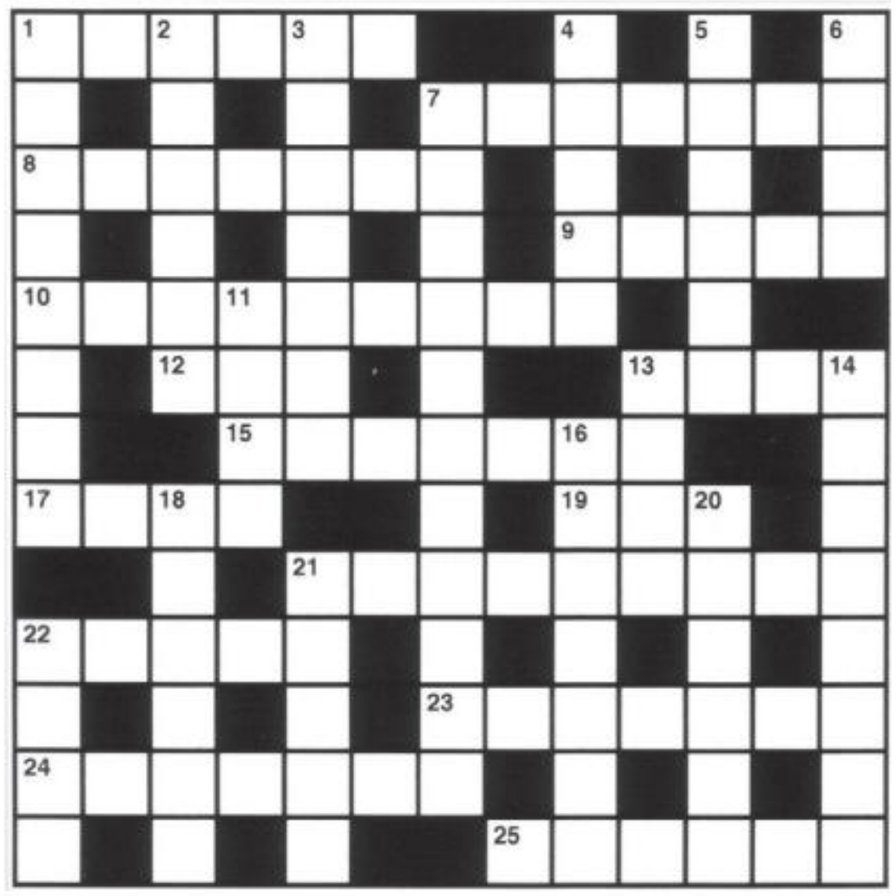
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Desert shortcoming (6)
7 She plays the part by keeping a lock on her account (7)
8 Generous gift of a big yacht, for example (7)
9 Unavoidable requirements? (5)
10 Hired out the red car (9)
12 General protection (3)
13 Draw most of a sailing vessel (4)
15 Glandular aid done in a peculiar manner (7)
17 Genuine mixed-up nobleman (4)
19 Water found in research (3)
21 Orders to appear for sums men so badly arranged (9)
22 Look for something to replace in the barren ewe (5)
23 Is in the region to get a picture of things as they are (7)
24 Grows old round a mirthless haven, and gets his revenge (7)
25 Humble as the cleric embracing me? (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Led up in charge and consumed the food which needed careful handling (8)
2 Make little Albert ceremonious (6)
3 Combed with feathers (7)
4 Bear the cost of a small booth (5)
5 Show displeasure at being moved again? (6)
6 Practises habits (4)
7 They look to heaven to provide their daily bread (11)
11 Genuine silver (4)
13 Planted endives in part of the garden (4)
14 Beast on man for man on beast (8)
16 Am I alone round at a separate answer? (7)
18 Tearaway who performs a service? (6)
20 Try to breathe (6)
21 Gulps that his toupee is in the ship (5)
22 Highway or up above a small



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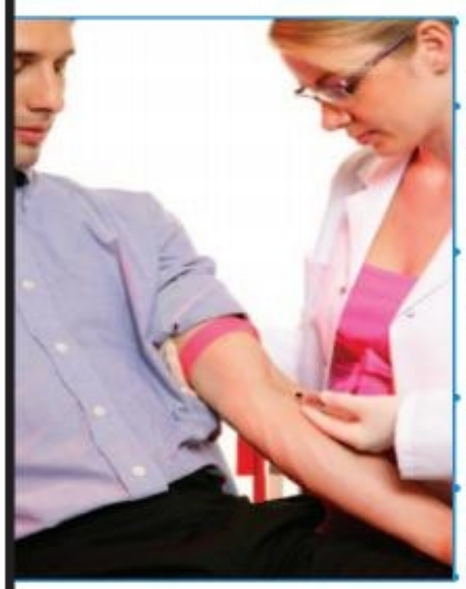

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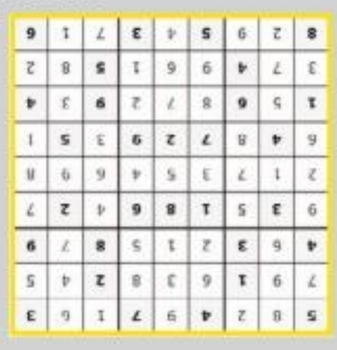

Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Assign 7 Amateur 8 Teenage 9 Latin 10 Rigmarole 12 Ear 13 Slab 15 Dynamic 17 Dune 19 Nap 21 Integrate 22 Ripen 23 Cheetah 24 Clerics 25 Asides

Down: 1 Asteroid 2 Sledge 3 Granary 4 Table 5 Lentil 6 Iron 7 Aeronautics 11 Made 13 Scar 14 Breeches 16 Ingress 18 Nephew 20 Parted 21 India 22 Race

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Defect 7 Actress 8 Largess 9 Needs 10 Chartered 12 Lee 13 Etch 15 Adenoid 17 Earl 19 Sea 21 Summonses 22 Renew 23 Realism 24 Avenges 25 Demean

Down: 1 Delicate 2 Formal 3 Crested 4 Stand 5 Resent 6 Uses 7 Astronomers 11 Real 13 Eden 14 Horseman 16 Isolate 18 Render 20 Aspire 21 Swigs 22 Road

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Saturday April 22nd

BBC1

Match of the Day Live, **4.50pm**

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites** (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 London Marathon: My Reason to Run** (S) **1.45 Live Snooker: The World Championship** (S) **4.30 BBC News** (S) **4.40 BBC Regional News** (S) **4.50 Match of the Day Live** Chelsea v Tottenham Hotspur (Kick-off 5.15pm). (S)

7.20 Doctor Who The time-travellers visit a seemingly perfect human colony. (S)

8.10 Casualty Part one of two. Cal's strike causes chaos in the ED for Sam. (S)

9.00 BBC News; Weather (S)
9.20 All Round to Mrs Brown's Agnes and the family are joined in studio by choirmaster Gareth Malone and singer Peter Andre; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

10.20 Match of the Day Dan Walker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including West Ham United v Everton and Bournemouth v Middlesbrough. (S)

11.20 Murder in Successville (S)
11.50 FILM Reign of Fire (2002) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Christian Bale and Matthew McConaughey. (S)

1.25 Weather for the Week Ahead (S)
1.30 BBC News (S)

BBC2

Live Snooker: The World Championship, **7pm**

7.55 FILM That's Entertainment! (1974) (U) (S) **10.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship** (S) **12.00 Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well** (S)(R) **12.30 The Best Dishes Ever** (S)(R) **1.00 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **1.30 Live European Gymnastics Championships: Apparatus Finals** (S) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby** (S)(R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the final session on day eight at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. (S)

8.00 BBC Young Dancer 2017 Anita Rani, Ore Oduba and Darcey Bussell host coverage. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 QI XL With panellists Sandi Toksvig, Aisling Bea and Susan Calman. (S)
10.45 Versailles; (S)(R) Inside Versailles. (S)(R)

11.45 Snooker: The World Championship Highlights of the concluding session on day eight. (S)

12.35 Snooker: World Championship Extra (S) **2.35 FILM Blackthorn (2011) (15)** Western, starring Sam Shepard. (S) **4.10** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Take Me Out, **6.45pm**

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 FILM Free Willy 3: The Rescue (1997) (U)** (S) **11.10 James Martin's French Adventure** (S)(R) **12.10 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.25 Tipping Point** (R) **1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Ayr** (S) **4.30 Britain's Got More Talent** (S) **5.30 Catchphrase** (S)(R) **6.15 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV News** (S) **6.45 Take Me Out** (S)

8.00 Britain's Got Talent More would-be entertainers hope to impress Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, David Walliams and Alesha Dixon. (S)

9.20 Through the Keyhole Keith Lemon visits mystery celebrity homes. (S)(R)

10.25 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.40 FILM Bend It Like Beckham (2002) (12) Comedy, starring Parminder Nagra and Keira Knightley. (S)

12.45 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4

Escape to the Chateau, **7pm**

7.10 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.25 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.25 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **10.55 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.25 Extreme Food** (S) **12.55 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **3.30 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** (S)(R) **4.35 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) **5.35 Grand Designs** (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.55 Making Western Flag** (S)

7.00 Escape to the Chateau Fresh from the success of a wedding at the chateau, Dick and Angel make business plans for the grounds. (S)(R)

8.00 Man Made Planet: Earth from Space Full-profile photographs of Earth shed light on humanity's impact on the planet. (S)

9.00 FILM Dracula Untold (2014) (15) Premiere. Fantasy adventure, starring Luke Evans and Dominic Cooper. (S)

10.45 FILM The Eagle (2011) (12) Action adventure, starring Channing Tatum. (S)

Channel 5

The Funny Side of Growing Up, **10.30pm**

11.00 Criminals: Caught on Camera (S)(R) **11.20 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **12.20 On Benefits: UK's Most Hated Woman?** (S)(R) **1.15 On Benefits: Desperately Seeking Stardom** (S)(R) **2.15 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (S)(R) **4.15 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords: Revisited 2** (S)(R) **5.10 Can't Pay Special: Big Family Bust Up** (S)(R) **6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R)

7.10 NCIS: Los Angeles A man is gunned down outside the Vietnamese Consulate. (S)

8.00 NCIS A seemingly simple case continues to haunt the agents after it has been closed. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley an Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Highlights of Milton Keynes Dons v Sheffield United. (S)
10.30 The Funny Side of Growing Up (S)

11.30 Comedy Bigmouths with Rory Bremner Stand-up performances, with a guest appearance by Rory Bremner. (S)

12.00 SuperCasino 3.10 FILM Creep (2004) (18) Horror, starring Franka Potente. (S) **4.35** Criminals: Caught on Camera (S)(R) **5.00** Access (S) **5.10** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarn (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale **8.25** Coronation Street **10.55** Britain's Got More Talent **11.55** Take Me Out **1.00** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.35** FILM: See Spot Run (2001) (PG) **2.35** FYI Daily **2.40** FILM: See Spot Run (2001) (PG) **3.30** FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Adam Sandler. **4.30** FYI Daily **4.35** FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) **5.15** FILM: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) (12) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Martin Freeman. **6.20** FYI Daily **6.25** FILM: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) (12) Concluded. **8.25** Scorpion **9.20** Britain's Got More Talent **10.25** Celebrity Juice **11.10** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.05** FILM: That Awkward Moment (2014) (15) **2.05** FYI Daily **2.20** FILM: That Awkward Moment (2014) (15) **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Murder, She Wrote **7.45** FILM: Are You Being Served? (1977) (PG) **8.45** FYI Daily **8.50** FILM: Are You Being Served? (1977) (PG) **9.45** FILM: That Riviera Touch (1966) (PG) **10.45** FYI Daily **10.50** FILM: That Riviera Touch (1966) (PG) **11.45** Agatha Christie's Marple **1.45** An Audience with Victoria Wood **2.55** Housewife, 49 **4.55** FILM: The Queen (2006) (12) **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00** FILM: The Queen (2006) (12) **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Lewis **1.05** Wycliffe **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Dan Cruickshank: At Home with the British **8.00** Tankies: Tank Heroes of World War II **9.00** FILM: Department Q: A Conspiracy of Faith (2016) (15) Premiere. Danish crime thriller, starring Nikolaj Lie Kaas. **10.45** Top of the Pops: 1983 **12.00** Sinatra: All or Nothing at All **1.55** Sings the Great American Songbook **2.55** Duets at the BBC **3.55** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 The Goldbergs **7.50** Made in Chelsea **8.55** Melissa & Joey **11.30** The Goldbergs **12.30** FILM: Bridge to Terabithia (2007) (PG) **2.30** FILM: We Bought a Zoo (2011) (PG) Fact-based comedy drama, starring Matt Damon. **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: American Reunion (2012) (15) Comedy sequel, starring Jason Biggs. **11.15** Gogglebox **12.50** Rude Tube: Ultimate Champions **1.55** Tattoo Fixers **2.55** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.40** Black-ish **4.00** The Mindy Project **4.45** Charmed

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Come Dine with Me **11.30** Homes by the Sea **12.35** Location, Location, Location **1.35** Coast vs Country **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Hitler: The Rise and Fall **9.00** Building Hitler's Supergun: The Plot to Destroy London **10.00** The World's Most Extreme **11.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.05** Father Ted **1.15** Hitler: The Rise and Fall **2.15** Building Hitler's Supergun: The Plot to Destroy London **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Chalet Girl (2011) (12) **1.00** Rio 2 (2014) (U) **3.00** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Rupert Everett. **5.05** Fantastic Four (2005) (PG) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Ioan Gruffudd. **7.10** Airplane! (1980) (15) Spoof disaster movie, starring Robert Hays. **9.00** The Day After Tomorrow (2004) (12) Disaster thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Dennis Quaid. **11.20** Dog Soldiers (2002) (15) British horror, starring Kevin McKidd. **1.30** Resident Evil: Extinction (2007) (15) **3.25** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Storage Hunters **9.00** Storage Hunters UK **10.00** Top Gear **12.00** Traffic Cops **2.00** Storage Hunters **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** Red Dwarf **9.00** Gavin & Stacey **11.00** FILM: Swordfish (2001) (15) Crime thriller, starring John Travolta and Hugh Jackman. **1.00** Live at the Apollo **2.00** Red Dwarf **2.35** Room 101 **3.05** Sin City Motors **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Secret Army **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** Secret Army **5.00** Open All Hours **7.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **8.00** The Mrs Bradley Mysteries **9.00** Taggart **11.00** Waking the Dead **1.10** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **2.15** Oliver Twist **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Big Town Dance **7.45** Monkey Business **8.15** Game Changers **8.45** The Fantasy Football Club **9.45** Soccer AM **11.30** Football's Funniest Moments **12.30** Wild Things **1.30** Ninja Warrior Women Tournament **3.00** Gillette Soccer Saturday. Up-to-the-minute scores. **5.15** Football Gold **5.30** MacGyver **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Inside the Freemasons **9.00** Micky Flanagan Thinking Aloud **10.00** Golf's Funniest Moments **11.00** A League of Their Own **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** Revolution **3.00** Arrow **4.00** Monkey Life

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** The West Wing **2.00** Cold Case **4.00** House **6.00** Drew: The Mar Behind the Poster **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **12.15** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **12.50** The Circus: Inside the Biggest Story on Earth **1.25** Bright Lights: Starring Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds **3.10** Silicon Valley **4.20** Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.10 Beverly Hills Pawn **7.00** Motorway Cops: A Traffic Cops Special **8.00** The Bill **12.00** EastEnders **12.30** FILM: March of the Penguins (2005) (U) **4.00** FILM: Sp Kids 2: Island of Lost Dreams (2002) (U) Family adventure sequel, starring Antonio Banderas. **6.00** My Family **8.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Davina McCall **9.00** FILM: Little Miss Sunshine (2006) (15) Comedy drama, starring Toni Collette. **11.00** Grimm **12.00** Traffic Cops **1.00** The Honourable Woman **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Ever Decreasing Circles **8.00** The Two Ronnies **9.40** Last of the Summer Wine **11.40** Only Fools and Horses **8.20** Henry IX **9.00** Knowing Me, Knowing You With Alan Partridge **11.00** Black Books **12.15** Dylan Moran: Yeah, Yeah Live **1.30** Monty Python's Best Bits (Mostly) **3.15** The Armando Iannucci Shows **4.00** Hom Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold **6.45** Premier League 100 Club **7.1** Game Changers **7.45** Premier League Legends **8.15** Premier League Preview **8.45** The Fantasy Football Cl **9.45** Soccer AM **11.30** Live Scottish Cup Football. **2.4** Sporting Triumphs **3.00** Gillette Soccer Saturday **5.30** Live La Liga Football. Osasuna v Sporting Gijon (kick-o 5.30pm). **7.30** Live Fight Night. Martin Murray v Gabri Rosado. **11.30** Dr Steelhammer: Wladimir's Story **12.00** Premier League Highlights **2.00** Dr Steelhamm Wladimir's Story **2.30** Premier League Highlights **4.30** Dr Steelhammer: Wladimir's Story **5.00** Premier Leagu Legends

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DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.25 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **8.30 London Marathon** (S) **3.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **3.15 Sunday Politics** Presented by Andrew Neil (S) **4.30 Points of View** Jeremy Vine presents a selection of viewers' comments. (S) **4.45 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **5.15 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.50 Pointless Celebrities** (S)(R) **6.35 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)

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7.00 Countryfile The team explores County Durham. Including weather for the week ahead. (S)

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8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents the show from Senate House in Bloomsbury. (S)

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9.00 Line of Duty DCI Roz Huntley struggles to allay her husband's suspicions and AC12 find a new angle to pursue their case against her. (S)

10

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Including highlights of Burnley v Manchester United. (S)

11

11.20 Match of the Day: The FA Cup Arsenal v Manchester City. (S)
11.50 The Women's Football Show

AFTER **12**

12.35 I'm Different: Let Me Drive (S) **1.05** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.10** BBC News (S)

BBC2

6.00 Around the World in 80 Gardens (S)(R) **7.00 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **7.30 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **8.00 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship** (S) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship** (S) **6.00 The London Marathon Highlights** Action from the 37th staging of the event. (S)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship Jason Mohammad introduces coverage of the final session on day nine at the Crucible Theatre. (S)

8.00 Top Gear Matt LeBlanc drives an eight-wheeled rescue vehicle from Russia. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 The Crucible: 40 Golden Snooker Years Steve Davis goes back to the Crucible Theatre to celebrate 40 years of the world snooker championship. (S)

10.00 The Rack Pack Comedy drama based on the glory days of professional snooker in the 1980s and the rivalry between Alex "Hurricane" Higgins and Steve Davis. (S)(R)

11.30 Snooker: The World Championship Highlights of the concluding session on day nine. (S)

12.20 Snooker: World Championship Extra (S) **2.20** Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **3.15** Holby City (S)(R) **4.15** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

8.30 Weekend (S) **9.25 Countrywise: Guide to Britain** (S)(R) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.00 FILM Carry On Again Doctor (1969) (PG)** (S) **12.45 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.55 Who's Doing the Dishes?** (S)(R) **1.55 Britain's Got Talent** (S)(R) **3.15 FILM You Only Live Twice (1967) (PG)** (S) **5.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.45 ITV News** (S) **6.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special** (S)(R)

7.00 Bigheads New series. Jason Manford hosts the comedy game show. (S)

8.00 The Durrells New series. Louisa tries to raise some money by selling homemade food, which attracts the attention of another Englishman. (S)

9.00 Grantchester New series. Sidney receives anonymous phone calls and realises they may be linked to the murders of important community figures. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Lethal Weapon When a million dollar casino heist takes a deadly turn, Riggs befriends the only credible witness – an eight-year-old boy. (S)(R)

11.20 The Nightly Show Best Bits Highlights of the final week, hosted by Dermot O'Leary. Last in the series. (S)
11.50 Peston on Sunday (R)(S)

12.40 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) **4.40** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

6.20 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **1.30 FILM Robots (2005) (U)** (S) **3.20 FILM Mission: Impossible (1996) (PG)** (S) **5.25 George Clarke's Old House, New Home** (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.50 FILM Thor (2011) (12)** Fantasy adventure, starring Chris Hemsworth. (S)

9.00 The Island with Bear Grylls New series. Two teams from different generations are marooned on separate islands in the survival challenge. (S)

10.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

11.00 Man Made Planet: Earth from Space (S)(R)

12.00 FILM The Sessions (2012) (15) (S) **1.45** The Last Leg (S)(R) **2.40** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **3.35** Gillette World Sport (S) **4.00** KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) **4.25** Mobil 1 The Grid (S)(R) **4.55** Four in a Bed (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.45 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.20 Access** (S) **10.25 Football on 5: The Championship** (S)(R) **11.20 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **11.55 The Gadget Show** (S)(R) **12.55 FILM The Deep End of the Ocean (1999) (12)** (S) **3.00 Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild** (S)(R) **6.50 5 News Weekend** (S) **6.55 FILM U-571 (2000) (12)** (S)

9.00 FILM 3 Days to Kill (2014) (12) Premiere. Action thriller, with Kevin Costner and Amber Heard. Includes 5 News Update at 10pm. (S)

11.05 FILM Chaos (2005) (15) Crime thriller, starring Jason Statham and Wesley Snipes. (S)

1.05 SuperCasino 3.10 Body of Proof (S)(R) **4.00** Criminals: Caught on Camera (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.10** You've Been Framed! Gold **6.35** Emmerdale **9.20** Coronation Street **11.50** Take Me Out **1.00** 2Awesome **1.05** 2Awesome: Guidance **2.05** 2Awesome: LA Story **2.20** 2Awesome: Side Effects **2.55** Best of You've Been Framed! Gold **3.55** Britain's Got Talent **5.15** Britain's Got More Talent **6.15** FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) (12) Superhero adventure sequel, starring Andrew Garfield. **7.15** FYI Daily **7.20** FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) (12) Superhero adventure sequel, starring Andrew Garfield. **9.00** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show **1.25** The Vampire Diaries **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 In Loving Memory **6.25** FILM: Rising Damp (1980) (PG) **7.25** FYI Daily **7.30** FILM: Rising Damp (1980) (PG) **8.20** Heartbeat **10.20** Murder, She Wrote **11.20** FILM: Columbo: Short Fuse (1972) (PG) **12.55** Foyle's War **3.00** Our Queen at 90 **5.00** When Phillip Met Prince Philip: 60 Years of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Morecambe and Wise Forever **10.00** Ruth Rendell's Thirteen Steps Down **12.05** Wycliffe **1.15** A Touch of Frost **3.00** May the Best House Win **4.40** In Loving Memory **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Sun **8.00** The Moon **9.00** Horizon: Seeing Stars. Documentary following the new generation of astronomers, who have pushed the limits of science and engineering to build super-telescopes to find out more about the universe. **10.00** The Sky at Night **11.00** K2: The Killer Summit: Storyville **12.20** The Sun **1.25** The Moon **2.20** K2: The Killer Summit: Storyville **3.45** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Hollyoaks **8.25** Made in Chelsea **9.30** Ice Age: The Great Egg-Scapade **10.00** FILM: Hop (2011) (U) **12.00** The Goldbergs **12.30** Black-ish **1.00** Baby Daddy **1.30** Kevin Can Wait **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.30** New Girl **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **4.00** FILM: Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief (2010) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Logan Lerman. **6.20** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **12.05** E4's Tattoo Artist of the Year **1.10** Celebrity First Dates **2.15** Naked Attraction **3.10** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.55** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Vet on the Hill **9.55** Coast vs Country **11.00** Homes by the Med **12.05** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.25** Come Dine with Me **8.00** How to Lose Weight Well **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** Peter Cook & Dudley Moore: The Missing Sketches **11.05** 24 Hours in A&E **12.15** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.10** Man Down **2.15** Peter Cook & Dudley Moore: The Missing Sketches **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Flight of the Navigator (1986) (U) **1.00** The Princess Diaries (2001) (U) **3.15** The Borrowers (1997) (U) Children's fantasy, starring John Goodman. **5.00** Rat Race (2001) (12) Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. **7.10** Airplane II: The Sequel (1982) (15) Disaster movie spoof, with Robert Hays. **9.00** The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1 (2014) (12) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Jennifer Lawrence. **11.20** Friends with Benefits (2011) (15) Romantic comedy, starring Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis. **1.30** The Players (2012) (18) **3.45** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

10.00 Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **11.00** Traffic Cops **12.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **1.00** Ronnie's Redneck Road Trip **2.00** Sin City Motors **3.00** Gavin & Stacey **5.00** The Best of Top Gear **6.00** Top Gear **7.00** Motorway Cops **8.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **9.00** Live at the Apollo **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** Room 101 **1.20** QI **2.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.50** Sin City Motors **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Birds of a Feather **7.40** New Tricks **8.40** The Bill **11.40** Oliver Twist **3.40** Catherine Cookson's The Dwelling Place **6.40** Call the Midwife **8.00** New Tricks **9.00** Silent Witness **11.20** Spooks **1.40** Oliver Twist **3.25** Garden Hopping **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Monkey Business **8.30** Monkeys: An Amazing Animal Family **11.30** WWE Raw Hits **12.30** Rugby's Funniest Moments **1.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. **2.15** Flying Monsters with David Attenborough **3.35** Modern Family **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Wild Things **9.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** MacGyver **12.00** The Blacklist: Redemption **1.00** Most Daring **2.00** Revolution **3.00** Arrow **4.00** Monkey Life

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **9.00** The West Wing **1.00** House **3.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Genius **10.00** Real Time with Bill Maher **11.10** Veep **11.45** Big Little Lies **12.45** Guerrilla **1.50** The Trip to Spain **2.25** Billions **3.35** Silicon Valley **4.10** The British

W SKY: 109

7.50 Bondi Rescue **8.45** Celebrity MasterChef **12.05** Doctor Who **4.50** FILM: Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004) (PG) Comedy adventure, starring Jim Carrey. **7.00** One Born Every Minute **8.00** Dr Christian Will See You Now **9.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Davina McCall **10.00** Doctor Foster **11.20** Louis Theroux: Transgender Kids **12.40** Boston's Finest **1.30** Betty White's Off Their Rockers **1.50** The Honourable Woman **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Ever Decreasing Circles **8.20** One Foot in the Grave **9.10** Only Fools and Horses **5.00** Henry IX **5.40** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** Knowing Me, Knowing You – With Alan Partridge **11.00** I'm Alan Partridge **12.20** The Thick of It **1.30** Monty Python's Best Bits (Mostly) **2.00** Nighty Night **3.00** Human Remains **3.30** The Armando Iannucci Shows **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Premier League Legends **6.30** Premier League Highlights **8.30** The Sunday Supplement **9.30** Goals on Sunday **11.30** Froch Returns **11.45** Froch & McCracken: Back in the Ring **12.00** Dr Steelhammer: Wladimir's Story **12.30** Wembley: Venue of Legends **1.00** Joshua v Klitschko: The Gloves Are Off **1.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. **2.15** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Burnley v Manchester United (kick-off 2.15pm). **4.15** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Liverpool v Crystal Palace (kick-off 4.30pm). **6.30** Froch v Groves II: History at Wembley **7.00** Live La Liga Football **10.00** Premier League Highlights **11.00** Scottish Cup Football **11.30** Goals on Sunday **12.30** Premier League Highlights **1.30** Goals on Sunday **2.30** Premier League Years

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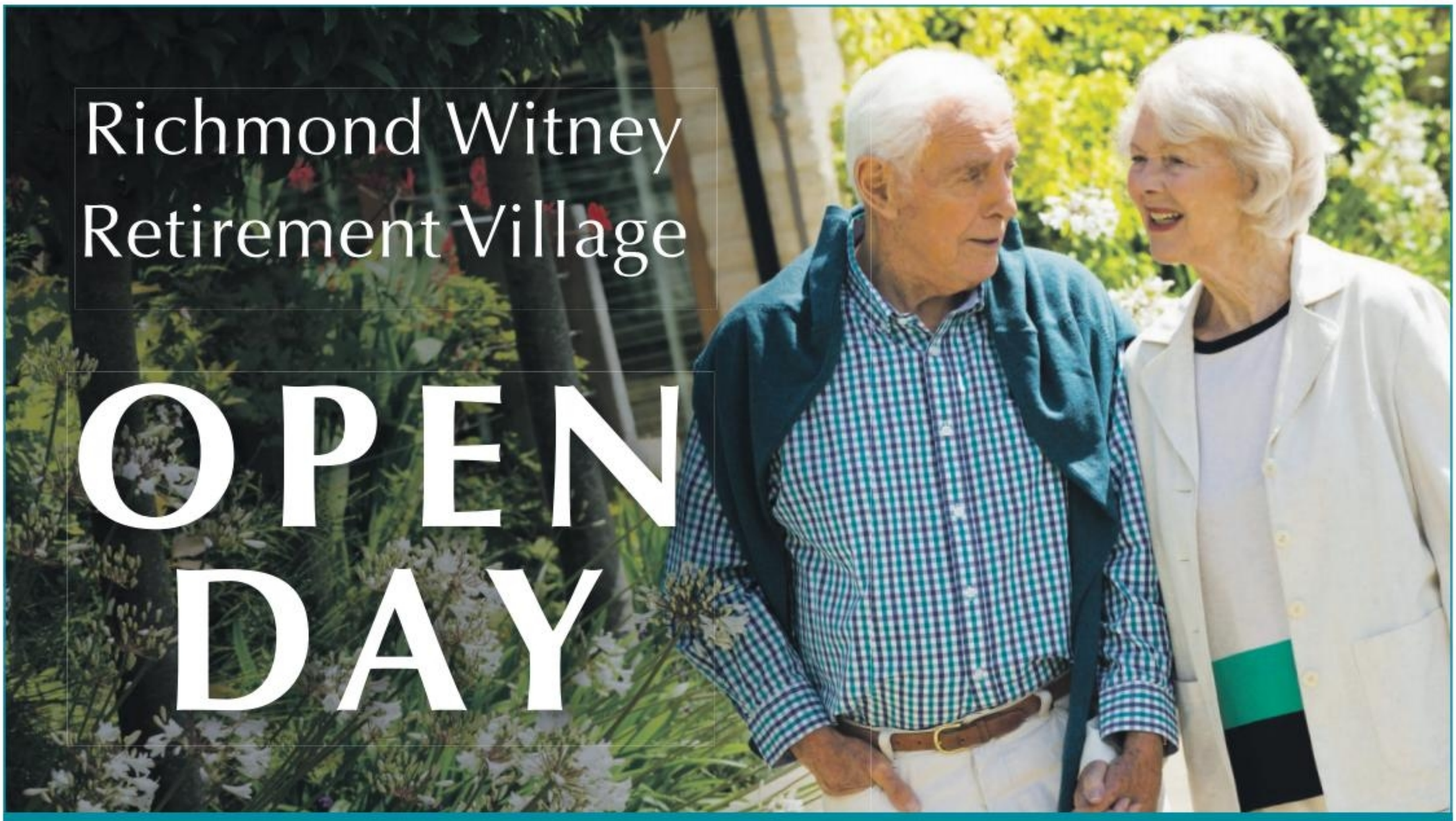

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New development will be a jewel in city's crown

Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and managing director of Martin and Co, Oxford

Earlier this week Savills and the Westgate Alliance launched the marketing of residential units included as part of the Westgate shopping centre development. Mill Stream House as it has been named, is a single block of 59 one and two bedroom apartments across the road from John Lewis and next to the old mill stream. This week the first 20 apartments were released for reservation off-plan, ranging from £347,000 for the cheapest one-bedroom apartment to £564,000 for a two-bed apartment on the North end of the block with a balcony overlooking the mill stream.

Whilst no show apartment is yet available for viewing, it is clear that the apartments will be small in comparison to other central Oxford apartments, but with high quality finishes. There will be lift access, but there is no provision for parking, which may deter some buyers.

Rental yields will be good particularly for the one-bedroom apartments with between 4.5 and 4.8% -beds look likely depending on purchase price. Yields on the 2 beds will be lower, and rental demand is more likely to be impacted by the lack of parking for these properties. Overall, however, this is set to be popular with buy to let investors.

On Tuesday 28th March 2017, there was a launch event hosted by Savills which was well attended by potential buyers, and just 24 hours after the first 20 apartments were made available 12 had been reserved. Some of the best apartments will form part of phases 2 and 3 releases scheduled for May/ early June.

I believe that the Westgate development will impact Oxford in a similar way in which a similar John Lewis-led development impacted Cardiff. In Cardiff, the development acted like a magnet to shoppers, restauranteurs and retailers effectively relocating the city centre to what had been a rather under-developed part of town. It seems to me that something similar will happen in Oxford, which has been crying out for a decent retail experience for years. It is terrific to see new housing stock being made available in Oxford. City centre apartments are an ideal way to keep Oxford vibrant and alive, and maintaining the City as the jewel of Central England.

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From front page

family bathroom, and integral double garage with plumbing and power points. EPC Rating F.

Hardwood door to the side opens into a large reception hall, with high ceilings, staircase and doors to principal accommodation and double garage. Glazed door leads into a large sitting room, with double aspect offering superb views and French doors onto the patio and an open fire with stone surround. The kitchen is again double aspect, fitted with a range of wooden wall and base units, with space and plumbing for appliances and range cooker, and pantry cupboard.

There is also a front aspect dining room with serving hatch and potential to change into one large kitchen and dining room. To complete the ground floor accommodation, there is a boot room with boiler room and ample fitted cupboards and side door to the garden, and a cloakroom.

Turning staircase leads to the first floor landing with access to five bedrooms and loft hatch (the attic offers tremendous potential and has a fitted ladder. The large master suite offers built in storage cupboards, an en-suite shower room and a door opening onto a balcony offering a seating area overlooking the golf course and National Trust land beyond. There is another large rear aspect double bedroom, with wardrobes and basin, and two additional double bedrooms, again with wardrobes. To complete the first floor there is a large single bedroom, and a family bathroom with airing cupboard. All bedrooms offer tremendous views, to the front and rear.

Timber five bar gate leads to a long gravelled drive offering ample off street parking, continuing up the side of the property. The front garden is laid to lawn with mature trees, and access to the rear garden from both sides.

The rear garden is an incredible delight, facing South and offering extensive views from all angles of open fields, Goring and Streatley Golf Course and the rolling hills of National Trust land. Measuring in excess of half an acre, the garden offers a large wrap around flagstone patio, and is laid to lawn beyond, planted with beds and borders and mature trees and shrubs. Enclosed by timber post and rail fencing, there are two additional entrances via timber gates at the side.

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An open house is being held on Saturday from 11am to 12pm.

For an appointment to view please contact Davis Tate's Goring on Thames office on 01491 873456.

Get your home ready to attract buyers for a spring sale

So far, April has brought with it plenty of sunshine and whilst the mercury isn't always as high as the bright skies may lead us to believe, there's certainly the feeling that spring has sprung.

With the Easter weekend just behind us and two more bank holidays to look forward to next month, it's around this time of year that the DIY enthusiast in us all comes to the fore and with lighter, brighter days now is certainly a great time to present a property in its very best light.

For anyone considering putting their home on the market here's our advice on how to ensure that it stands out from the crowd.

First impressions count and the kerb appeal of a property can make the difference between simply driving by or choosing to view a property.

Spring is when gardens are often at their best and they can be a real asset in attracting potential buyers, particularly those with families.

A little time invested in making it as attractive as possible can make a real difference, but it's often just light gardening that is needed so don't worry if you're not blessed with green fingers – some simple pruning, trimming and a few pot plants can really add that all important welcome to your home.

Don't forget too to pay attention to the exterior of your actual property too. Paintwork may benefit from a fresh lick of paint and windows should always be clean to give some added sparkle.

Once inside, you'll want to create a warm welcome but whilst the smell of baked bread or freshly brewed coffee is an age-old tip for creating a homely feel, you simply can't beat fresh air! So, throw open some windows and doors and let the warm, clean breeze into your house before a viewing.

Anyone with patio doors may, depending on the weather, also choose to keep these open whilst the viewing takes place in order to create additional illusions of space and bringing the outdoors inside.

It's also worth remembering that you're selling your home, not its contents so with several long weekends ahead of us, now is a perfect time to de-clutter and get rid of any old furniture that you're no longer going to need or want. A neat, tidy home will give a clean, fresh impression, as well as making rooms seem larger.

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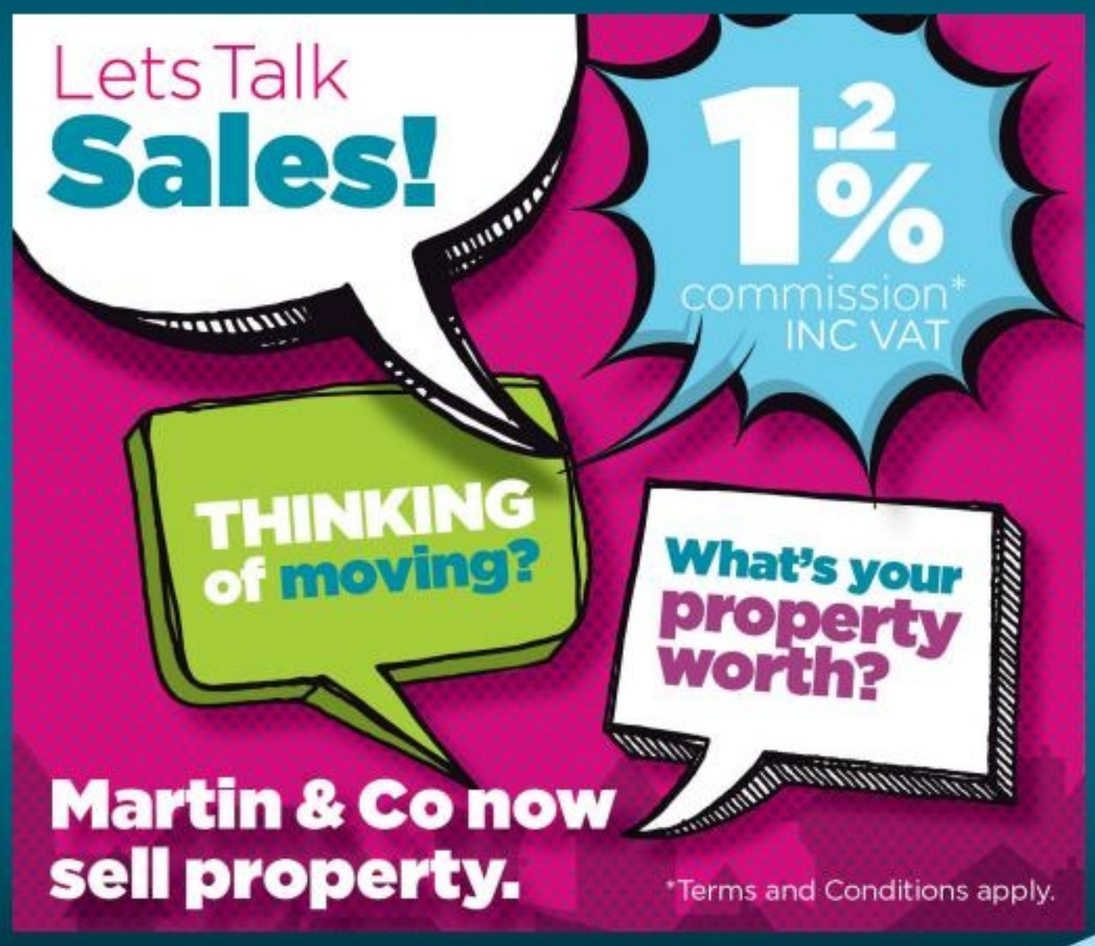

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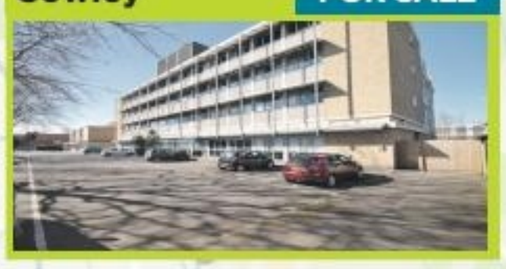

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

You shall go to the ball-et!

By Samantha McGregor

THE fairy-tale ballet Cinderella created especially for children will take to the Oxford stage this month.

English National Ballet and English National Ballet School present My First Ballet: Cinderella, a reimagined version of the classic fairy-tale created especially for children as young as three.

It takes to the New Theatre stage from for two days on April 28 and 29.

The production has been adapted to an hour in length and has a narrator to help young audiences follow the story.

It tells the story of Cinderella, who is tormented by her stepsisters and not allowed to attend the Prince's ball.

But when she is left behind to an evening of chores, she is visited by her Fairy Godmother who transforms her into a Princess who shall go to the ball.

Choreographed by George Williamson, award-winning former student of English National Ballet School, My First Ballet: Cinderella is part of the My First Ballet series which enters its sixth year in 2017.

Since its inception in 2012, over 200,000 people have enjoyed the series which has included the hugely successful My First Ballet: Swan Lake, Coppélia and Sleeping Beauty.

The My First Ballet series is performed by second year students of English National Ballet School, providing them with valuable rehearsal and performance experience within a professional touring company.

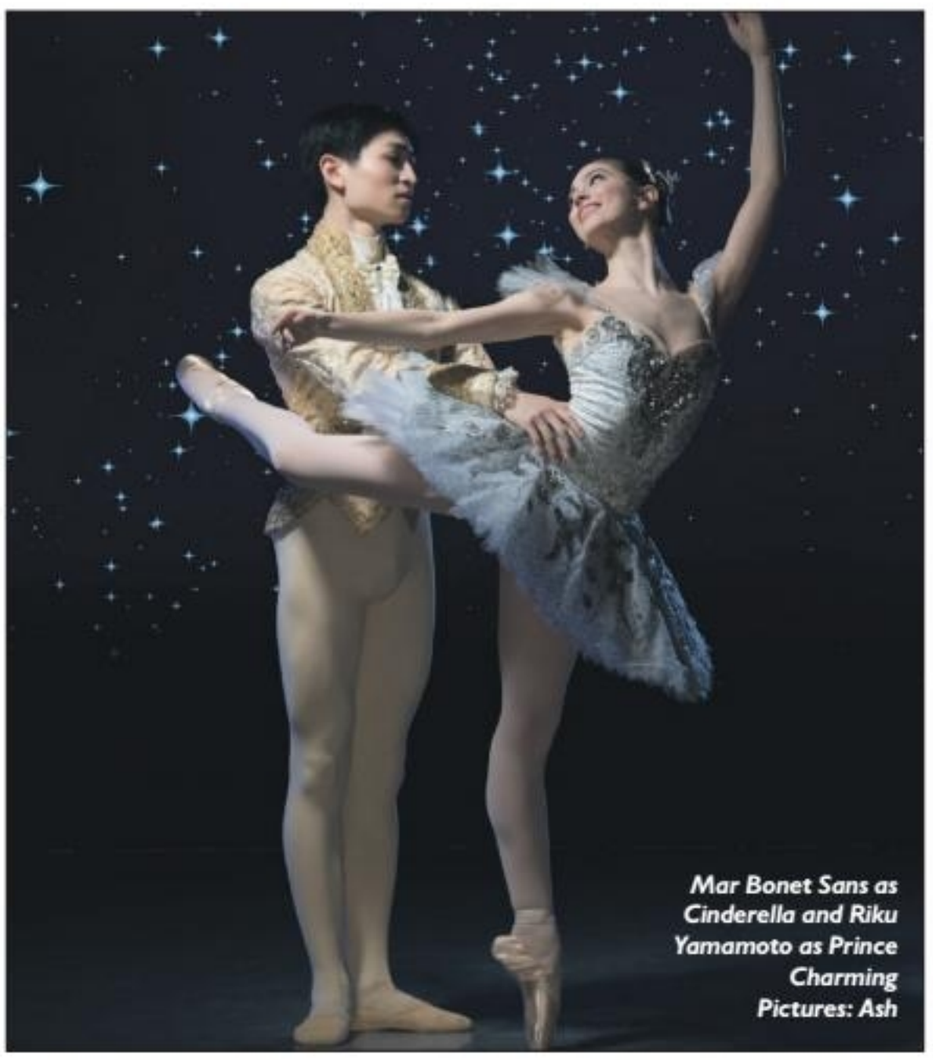
Mr Williamson said: "Cinderella was the first production I created in the series, and I'm thrilled to be revisiting the choreography and reworking it for a brand new audience.

"I'm proud to be working with English National Ballet and the School to lead the way in creating tailor made productions for children, offering what for many will be their first experience of a ballet performance."

To coincide with My First Ballet: Cinderella, English National Ballet will host on-stage creative dance workshops, aimed to provide a gateway into the world of ballet.

Children and their parents will have the opportunity to learn extracts from the production with English National Ballet dance artists and get up close to costumes and scenery.

For more information view ballet.org.uk/myfirstballet or to buy tickets view atgtickets.com/oxford



Mar Bonet Sans as Cinderella and Riku Yamamoto as Prince Charming Pictures: Ash

Watch out for JAWS

MUSIC: Birmingham dream-pop trio JAWS will be headlining The Bullingdon, Oxford, on April 27.

JAWS have just released the final offering 'Cast' from their critically acclaimed Simplicity album and are preparing for performances at a string of UK festivals.

For more information go to thebullingdon.co.uk

Unbelievable force

MUSIC: Dan Owen, who has been described as an "unassuming 24-year-old whose voice reveals an unbelievable force" is stopping off at The Cellar, Oxford, tonight, as part of a UK tour.

For more information or tickets view danowenmusic.com

Ready to fly the nest?

THEATRE: In a joint production The John Godber Company and Theatre Royal Wakefield present The Empty Nester's Club at Chipping Norton Theatre on Tuesday, April 25, at 7.45pm.

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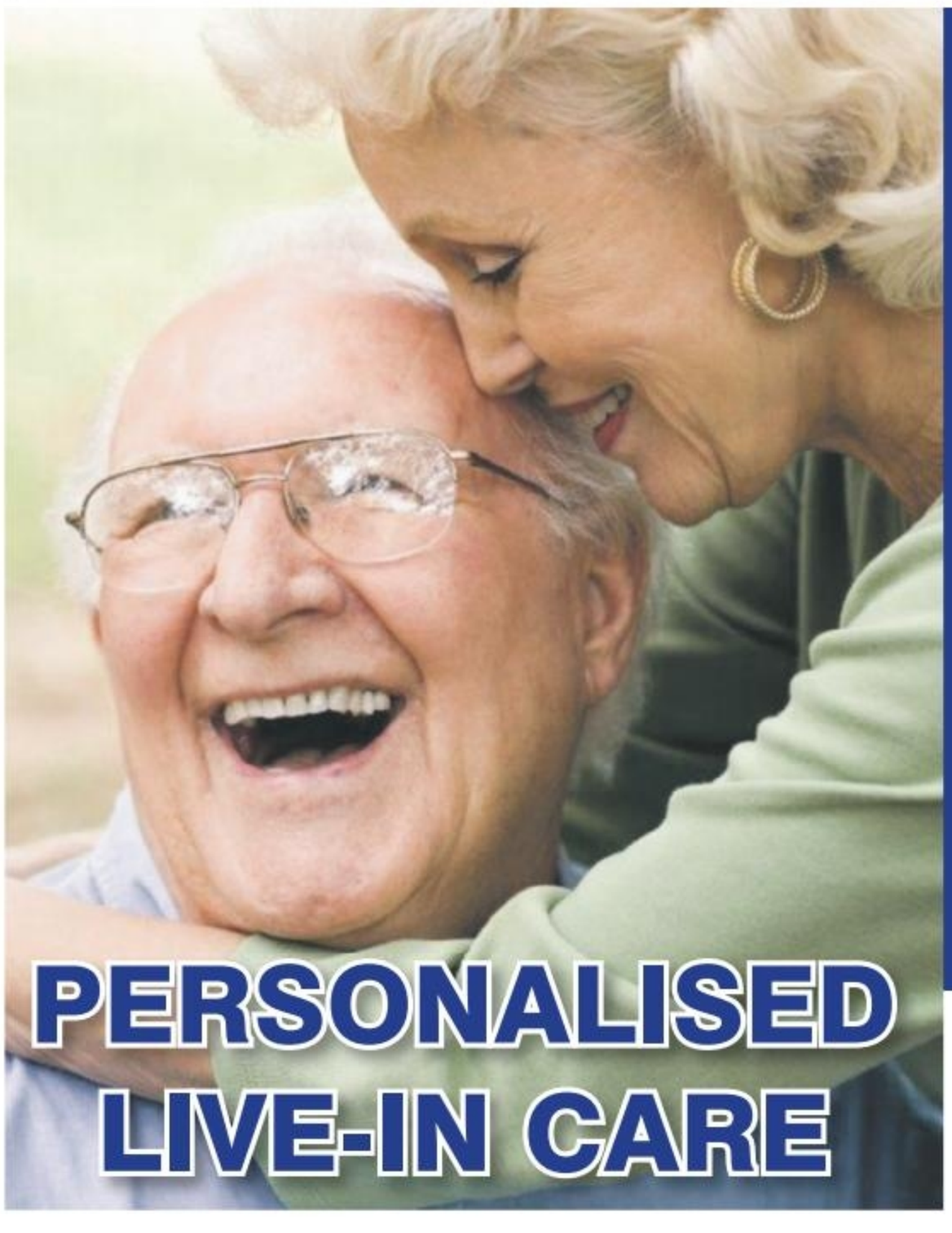

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

We're gonna have a party

By Samantha McGregor

SCOUTING for Girls will celebrate their 10th anniversary by playing the "fabulous finale" of Cornbury Festival.

This year's - the last - takes place at The Great Tew Park, Oxfordshire, on July 6, 7 and 8 and includes Bryan Adams, Chrissie Hynde, Kaiser Chiefs, Jools Holland, Sophie Ellis-Bextor, Tom Chaplin from Keane and Midge Ure.

Ahead of the festival Scouting for Girls' Roy Stride took time out to speak to the Oxfordshire Guardian .

The next 12 months look set to be a busy time for the band who plan to re-issue their Scouting for Girls debut album, a live album recorded during the 2013 Greatest Hits Tour and "before 2017 is finished", a brand new album

Roy said: "We've also got a busy summer schedule of festivals and a big UK tour in the winter. It's going to be manic. I can't wait."

The band felt 'privileged' to be involved in the finale of Cornbury Festival, having previously played there twice before.

Roy said: "We've had an amazing time every time we played and it's just so... lovely. It's like the Marks & Spencers of festivals.

"I think this will be our third time. We headlined in 2009 which was an amazing experience and played in the glorious sunshine in 2013."

Roy also gave the Guardian a sneak preview of what the band will perform at the festival.

He said: "As we're celebrating our 10th anniversary we'll be playing a lot from album one. She's so Lovely, Heartbeat, Elvis Ain't Dead, James Bond. It's gonna be a party.

"And we're gonna party like it's 2007.

"All the singles from album one still get an incredible reaction. Although I don't think we would get out of the field alive if we didn't play She's So Lovely."

One of Roy's personal favourites is 'This Ain't a Love Song', which reached number one and was nominated for an Ivor.

Scouting for Girls remain as popular as ever, and continue to provide fans with great music, Roy takes it all in his stride, he said "I'm a huge music fan. I still get goose bumps when I listen to some of my old favourite records and I'm constantly in awe at some of the new music that is being made today.

"I'm also competitive and constantly trying to be a better writer and producer."

For tickets view cornburymusicfestival.com

The last hurrah

A STRING of top notch musicians have signed up to this year's Cornbury Festival – the last one ever.

Tickets are on sale for the event which takes place from July 6 to 8, at The Great Tew Park in the Oxfordshire Cotswolds.

The line-up includes Bryan Adams, Chrissie Hynde, Kaiser Chiefs, Jools Holland, Sophie Ellis-Bextor, Jack Savoretti, Scouting For Girls, Tom Chaplin of Keane, Imelda May, Right Said Fred and Midge Ure.

Spread across the rolling fields of the Cornbury estate, will be four stages, a comedy tent, literary talks, a creative kids' zone, a shed disco, head-to-toe healing in the Therapixie tent, a traditional funfair, an exclusive VIP area, beautiful campsites and a pop-up motel.

Festival organiser Hugh Phillimore said: "We've had a fantastic run over the last 14 years and are very proud of the lovely event we've created. This year we will end on a high. I know that every artist on the line-up will deliver an exceptional live show. Live performance is my great love and for me it's the essence of Cornbury."

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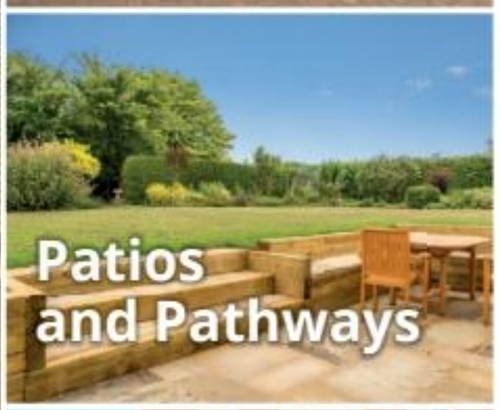

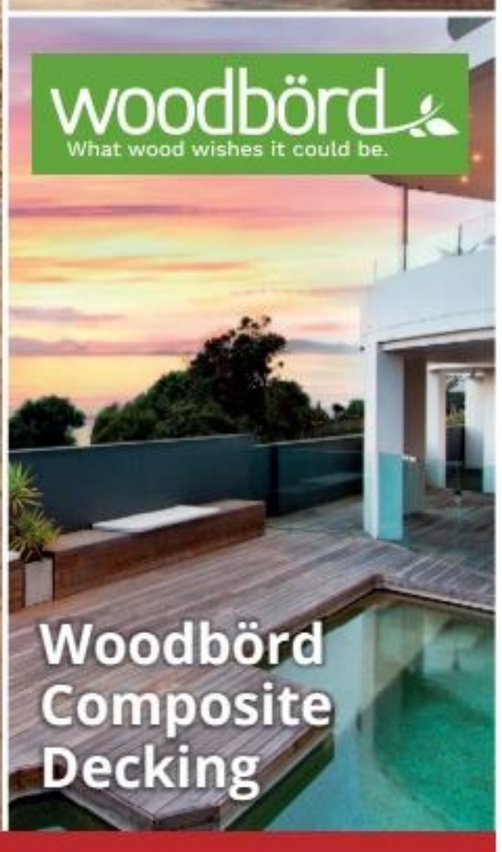

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Ollie's unique way to handle his recovery

By Samantha McGregor

AFTER undergoing brain surgery Ollie Howell used his experience to pen his own music.

Last week drummer Ollie, who performs alongside Duncan Eagles on tenor saxophone, Ant Law on electric guitar, Henry Spencer on trumpet, Matt Robinson – piano, and Max Luthert on double bass, released his second jazz album called Self-Identity.

Originally from Wallingford, he wrote music as part of a process of understanding his condition and the fragility of life with the intention of creating a positive from the experience.

He said: "I definitely think the experiences I've had have influenced the way I compose.

"With this new album the most important thing was to really push myself creatively and compositionally and I'm really excited to get this music out into the world."

He's recently returned from an "unforgettable" three month residency in Dubai, where he was artist in residence at Quincy Jones' music venue, and later this year will go on tour.

Ollie took some time out to talk to the Oxfordshire Guardian about growing up in Wallingford, Quincy Jones and life-changing events.

He said: "I spent my teenage years playing around Oxfordshire in multiple different groups and styles, and then venturing into London and around the country for gigs as soon as I got my car."

His life changed dramatically in 2009 when was diagnosed with an Arnold Chiari Type 2 malformation, a condition where the brain sits too far back in the head and pressure builds up.

He said: "I feel so lucky that they caught it when they did, and that they could operate so quickly.

"Fortunately, just a few months before going for my first surgery, I'd been introduced to Quincy Jones, who had just started to mentor me at that point.

"Being stuck in my hospital bed so soon after that experience, and with so much excitement and pent-up energy, I decided then and there that I would start my own band and spend my time in hospital writing music, while I wasn't able to perform."

Talking about his second album, Ollie said: "I'd describe the music on it as eclectic, contemporary and melodic - it's heavily routed in jazz but there are a lot of other influences too.

"We recorded the album at Peter Gabriel's studios called Real World Studios, which is one of the most incredible studios I've ever seen."

For more information view olliehowell.com

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Doors open at 7pm and people can bet on the outcome of six horse races, which will then be screened.

The Oxfordshire-based charity children in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe go to school.

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Get set for anarchy

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Tue, May 9
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Taken from his anticipated debut album, J Hus has just dropped his new single, 'Did You See'. Nominated for Best Newcomer at The MOBO Awards in 2015, the rapper has spent 2017 collaborating with Dave, Nines' and Stormzy.

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Thu, May 11
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Fri, May 12
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Sat, May 13
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KATY BRAND – I WAS A TEENAGE CHRISTIAN
Katy Brand's hit Edinburgh Festival show I Was a Teenage Christian is an honest, fascinating and funny exploration of her self-imposed

conversion and total immersion in evangelical Christianity.

Sun, May 14
New Theatre, Oxford
PAUL RODGERS
Paul Rodgers legendary singer, songwriter and frontman for Free, Bad Company and The Firm has announced that he will be heading out across the UK this May on the FREE Spirit Tour performing songs strictly from the Free catalogue.

Mon, May 15 – Sat, May 20
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SISTER ACT
Sister Act tells the hilarious story of Deloris Van Cartier, a disco diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a murder. Under protective custody she is hidden in the one place she won't be found – a Convent! Disguised as a nun and under the suspicious watch of Mother Superior, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own.

Thu, May 16, 7pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
THE COMET IS COMING
The Comet Is Coming support their Mercury-nominated debut album, Channel the Spirits. The band's intoxicating sound fuses elements of jazz, funk, electronica and psychedelic rock.

Thu, May 18, 7pm
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May 27, 6.30pm
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Thursday, May 25
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
DAPHNE'S FLIGHT
21 years after their debut self-titled album and one UK tour, the tour de force that is Daphne's Flight is set to return to the stage in 2017.

Saturday, May 27
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
JON OTWAY
John Otway and his hard hitting band attack his favourite set list with gusto, leaving plenty of room for anarchy, fun and acrobatics that are his trademark.

Tue, May 30
O2 Academy, Oxford
BARS AND MELODY/ JOHNNY ORLANDO
Pop rap duo, Bars and Melody are joining forces with Canadian popstar, Johnny Orlando for a co-headliner this summer. With support from Mackenzie Ziegler, Lauren Orlando and Tilly Devries, the dates are bound to be special, especially as it's Johnny's first time on UK soil.

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Hyundai i40 Tourer SE Nav – 1.7 CRDi 141PS

Look again at a different estate

By **Tony Tates**

LOOKING around for a decent estate car is not that easy anymore - mainly because the market is overwhelmed with new offerings from the likes of Ford, Audi and Vauxhall.

Well, times are changing and I would like you all to look again – but this time have a look at Hyundai before you sign on the dotted line. Hyundai have over the last few years upped their game and are now doing things differently from the norm and are producing a decent array of vehicles to suit everyone's pocket.

Well, I happen to like cars that are a little bit different - which is why I like the i40. If you ask me, the i40 has a lot to offer the modern motorist and at a price that won't have you on your knees asking your bank manager for additional funding.

Power and Efficiency:

The i40 I had on test was fitted with a 1.7-litre diesel unit that develops 141PS and 340Nm of torque which I have to say feels lively and more than happy to be revved hard on the motorway or rumbling around doing a proper job of being a really good estate car – which I have to say is where the i40 really does come into its own.

The most important part for many people though is MPG. Well, I am happy to report that I managed 50.5 mpg - which really is staggering when you remember this is not a small car. Top speed also comes in around 124mph and the 0-62 dash will take around 11sec.

On the road:

Actually the i40 does well here thanks to the engineers putting in the extra effort to make it feel like it wants to please you. Even on bumpy roads – the i40 felt good and there was nothing I could find to complain about. Also, the steering actually felt well weighted even if you turn into a corner a bit lively - you can be assured of a stern footing coming out the other end.

Safety and Technology

The i40 comes with an unbelievable amount of kit which for me really is its party piece. I am going to just note a small amount of what's on offer. Starting with; DAB Radio, Parking Sensors, Touchscreen Satellite Navigation with Rear View Parking Camera and Parking Guidance System, 7 Airbags - Front, Front Side, Driver's Knee and Full Length Curtain, Electronic Stability Programme (ESP) Emergency Stop Signal (ESS) Front Seatbelt Pre-tensioners, , Hill-start Assist Control (HAC) Climate Control - Dual Zone, Automatic Windscreen Wipers with Rain Sensor and Projection Headlights with LED Daytime Running Lights.

To sum up: The i40 is a proper estate car that can carry an impressive 553 litre boot capacity, expanding to 1,719 with the rear seats folded. If you are currently looking for a decent estate – then the i40 is the one I would take a closer look at.

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Personal Contract Purchase Representative Example

i20 SE 1.2

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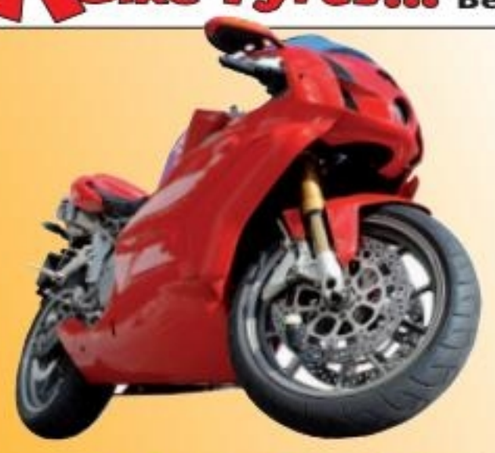

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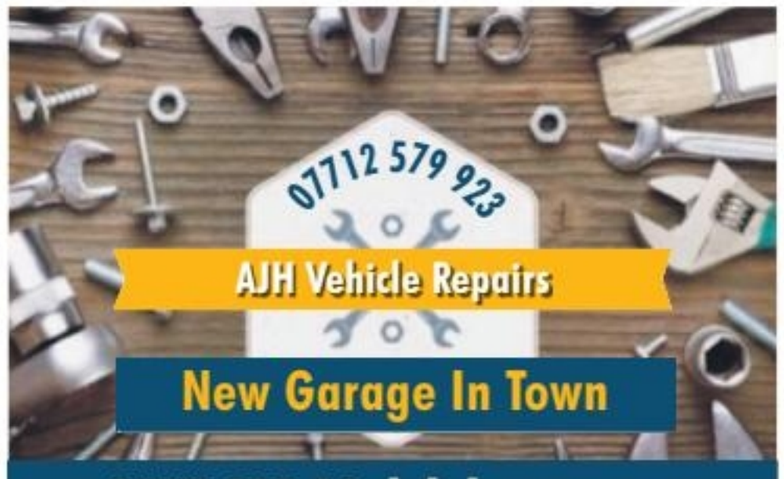

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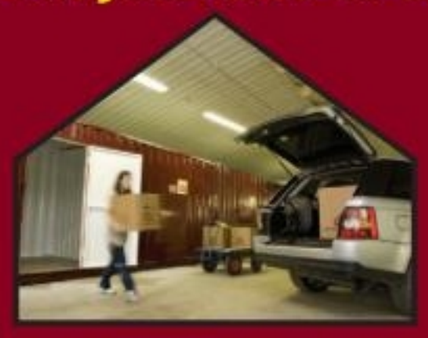

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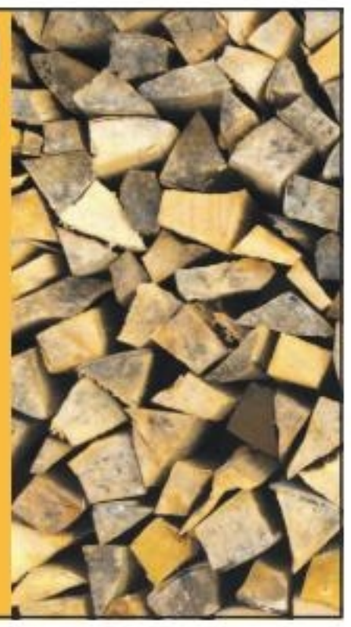

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Triple bogey a disaster for Eddie

Golf

A MONTH after winning his first prize money of the 2017 season Eddie Pepperrell narrowly dropped the wrong side of the cut line again at last week's Trophee Hassan II competition in Morocco.

The Abingdon-based golfer thought he had finally kick-started his 2017 European Tour season – which, going into March, had yielded four consecutive missed cuts – with a T22 finish at the Hero Indian Open last month.

But a disastrous triple bogey on the ninth hole in Morocco meant his second round of +3 left his 149 a single shot over the cut line.

Things hadn't started too badly, five weeks after his encouraging and last outing in India, as the Frilford Heath member finished round one with a steady par.

A first round that consisted of two birdies and three bogies was topped off with a pleasing eagle on the 18th.

This left the 26-year-old in an encouraging position heading into day two.

But Pepperell failed to replicate his steady form by putting in a rollercoaster of a performance, recording four bogies, four birdies and the decisive triple bogey.

Jason Plato on track at Donington Picture: btcc.net

No joy in the rain for Plato

Touring Cars

OXFORD'S Jason Plato had a weekend to forget at Donington Park as the veteran British Touring Car Championship racer failed to score any points.

Plato never really featured throughout the weekend, although he did come close to snatching a point at the end of the afternoon.

He qualified his Team BMR Subaru Levorg 15th for race one, but only lasted a few laps as he was forced out with mechanical problems.

This meant he would be starting 28th for race two and he was able to make some progress up the order to 20th by the finish.

In race three he battled through the rain to end up 16th – one place away from the points-paying positions.

His team-mate Ash Sutton had a much better afternoon, coming from the back of the grid in race one to secure two podium positions in races two and three.

The results leave Plato languishing in 23rd in the championship standings.

Oxford RL on the break at Coventry Picture: *Oxford RL*

'Trash talk' pays off as Coventry clinch double

Rugby League

AFTER Coventry City beat Oxford United at Wembley earlier this month Coventry Bears tweeted: "Watch us on Good Friday at the Butts Park Arena and maybe we can make it a double over Oxford!"

Arguably tongue-in-cheek trash talk from only one of three winless sides so far in this Kingstone Press League 1 campaign but the Bears did indeed make it a double – with a 40-28 win.

On the pitch Oxford RL trailed their hosts 16-10 after a scrappy first half.

Bears got their noses ahead on the stroke of half time as Jamahl Hunte touched over the line for a six-point lead, despite Oxford's appeals.

Coventry were razor sharp in the second half. Four tries in 25 minutes from the ruthless Richard Hughes (44 minutes), Zach Johnson (63), Matt Reid (66) and Billy Gaylor (69) gave the Bears a substantial 30-point lead heading into the final 10 minutes. The game may have been over at this point but Oxford fought back with a flurry of tries of their own.

Jordan Gill (75), Dwaine McRae (78) and Harvey Burnett (80) dived over the line to reduce the arrears to 40-28, which is how it finished for Coventry's first league win of the season.

Massa leads the way as three finish with points

F1

By Adam Flinn

ALL three of Oxfordshire's Formula One teams managed to score some points in Sunday's Bahrain Grand Prix, with Felipe Massa, Romain Grosjean and Nico Hulkenberg all finishing in the top 10.

Massa had the most impressive afternoon as he brought his Williams home in sixth after mixing it with the faster Ferraris and Red Bulls ahead.

The Brazilian started eighth but steadily made his way up to fourth after getting past Kimi Raikkonen and Daniel Ricciardo.

Both were able to get back past but he was more than able to hold on to sixth in the second half of the race for another eight points.

"I would say it was a great day and I managed to have a great race with a perfect start," said Massa.

"To be honest, the position I finished was like a victory and it's important for the whole team."

Next best for Oxfordshire was Romain Grosjean, who came home eighth for Banbury-based Haas for his first points of the season.

He was running in the bottom half of the top 10 for most of the race, with an overtake on Daniil Kvyat on lap 38 getting him up to eighth for four points.

Grosjean said: "It was a pretty good race. I made a decent start and my first stint was pretty good.

"We made the right strategy call and pushed on the good laps with some great overtaking manoeuvres, so it's good to be here scoring points."

Nico Hulkenberg managed to get Renault's first points of 2017 as he ended up ninth, although that was two spots down from where he started.

The German got jumped by Massa off the start to slip down to eighth and Grosjean was able to leapfrog him in the pitstops, but Hulkenberg was happy enough to get two points.

He said: "It's good to have the first points of the season on the board and I think I had a good race given the pace of the car.

"I really wrestled with it a lot and two points were the best we could do on the strategy we ran."

However things didn't go quite as well for all three points-scoring drivers' team-mates.

Williams' Lance Stroll failed to finish for the third race in succession after a collision with Carlos Sainz, the Toro Rosso slamming into the side of Stroll after coming out of the pits.

Jolyon Palmer went backwards in his Renault from his 10th-place starting position, ending 13th and last of all finishers.

And Kevin Magnussen's Haas suffered an electronics issue after just eight laps, forcing him out while running in 15th.

The next race is the Russian Grand Prix in Sochi on April 30.

Teams take advantage of mid-season test

F1

WILLIAMS, Renault and Haas were back in action in Bahrain earlier this week for the first of two mid-season tests this year.

They give all the Formula One teams the chance to evaluate their cars after the opening three rounds of the championship.

A lot of work is done by the engineers on aerodynamics, tyres and set-ups.

Of Oxfordshire's representatives, Romain Grosjean in the Haas finished highest up the order on Tuesday, with his time of 1.32.452 putting him fourth.

He was closely followed by Felipe Massa for Williams in fifth, Nico Hulkenberg's Renault in sixth, and Massa's team-mate Lance Stroll seventh.

However testing is more about data gathered than raw lap time and all three teams completed a good amount of laps.

Rod Nelson, Williams' chief test and support engineer, said: "One issue was the very strong wind, which was blustery so it was stronger at some times and weaker at others, which made life a little bit tricky. Despite the problems we had with the weather conditions, it is actually nice to do some testing on a hot track.

"It is the first time this year we have had that so we have got plenty of work on now."

Day two of the test was under way yesterday as the Oxfordshire Guardian went to print.

City players celebrate Godfrey Poku's goal against Chelmsford on Saturday
Picture: Michael Allen

Double delight for City

Oxford City

BACK-TO-BACK wins were the perfect tonic for Oxford City following a heavy defeat a week before.

The demons of a dreadful 5-0 loss at home to Hampton & Richmond Borough on April 8 were put to bed after a 2-0 win at home to Chelmsford City on Saturday and a 1-0 victory at Gosport Borough on Easter Monday.

The Hoops' temporary boss Mark Jones will want to finish the season strongly to boost his chances of getting the job permanently and, over Easter weekend, his side picked up their first back-to-back clean sheets under his stewardship.

City produced a fine display to overcome Chelmsford, a side who will contest the National League South play-offs, 2-0 on Saturday after Jones, having admitted to misjudging his team selection against Hampton & Richmond, put out a more tried and tested line-up as a number of senior players returned.

Teenager Ezra Forde gave Oxford the lead with a deft finish over the keeper on nine minutes.

Chelmsford, who had only lost five games all season ahead of the fixture, were reduced to 10 men with six minutes remaining when Josh Rees received a second yellow for a high challenge on Godfrey Poku.

The defender got his own-back with a fortuitous goal four minutes later when his scuffed effort trickled into the far bottom corner.

City made it two wins on the bounce for the first time since Jones took charge in December with a narrow 1-0 win at Gosport on Easter Monday.

A 10th minute Kaiman Anderson strike was enough to dispense of the relegation-threatened Borough.

Speaking after the Chelmsford win, Jones was full of praise for his side.

He said: "It's a great win for us against a team who have only lost five all season and I thought we got it spot on today in terms of how the team approached the game.

"It's not always about who plays the most attractive football but sometimes, especially at this level, it's about who makes the least mistakes.

"We made a team who have done very well this season look quite average. It's difficult to pick a man of the match because everybody contributed well. We hadn't managed to beat a team in the top four so today was a big achievement."

City have two fixtures remaining. They host relegated Margate for their last home game at Court Place Farm on Saturday before heading to Ebbsfleet United, who can still win the league, on April 29.

Play-off dream over for Puritans

Banbury United

MANAGER Mike Ford says he knows what is required for the Puritans to push on next season following a disappointing Easter weekend that scuppered any chance of reaching the Southern Premier League play-offs.

Banbury United drew 1-1 at home with third-placed Hitchin Town on Saturday and lost 1-0 at rivals and second-placed Leamington to leave United four points off the play-offs with one game to go.

The play-off charge seemed to be in full flow when, after a slow start, Zac McEachran wriggled into the area and struck the ball beyond Michael Johnson in the Hitchin goal.

Hitchin increased the pressure in the second half and were back on level terms nine minutes from time.

A Robbie Burns shot fell to Jonny McNamara in space 15 yards out and he made no mistake as he fired the ball past Jack Harding in the United goal to even the scores.

The draw left the Puritans three points adrift of the promotion pack going into the Easter Monday clash at Leamington.

But Banbury's play-off hopes disappeared when, in addition to Merthyr Town winning both their Easter weekend games, Leamington deservedly beat United at the New Windmill.

The winner – and sucker punch to Banbury's season – came on 20 minutes when Jamie Hood hooked a Leamington free kick home from six yards.

Ford, who led United back to the Southern Premier League via the play-offs last season, said: "If we want to be better then the current group have to be better, I have to be better and it might mean getting better ones in."

Banbury host Kettering Town in the last game of the season on Saturday. United are guaranteed sixth-placed.

Clark strikes late to seal promotion

Abingdon United

ABINGDON United secured a last gasp promotion on Monday with a dramatic 2-1 win over New College Swindon at The Northcourt.

Jacko Clark struck a 96th minute winner to send United back to the Hellenic Premier League at the first time of asking.

Saturday had seen United win 7-0 against North Leigh United with two goals from John Dennis and Sam Wharton, alongside single strikes from Adam French, Siyanda Gila and Graham Edney.

Abingdon went into their Easter Monday challenge knowing a win would secure second place but anything less and a Hook Norton win would see the latter promoted.

The game began a tense affair but the hosts calmed the nerves with a 19th minute opener from Edney.

Dennis played Edney through on the left and the experienced forward rounded the keeper to finish from a tight angle.

United went close on numerous occasions but all changed just after the hour when an attempted United clearance ricocheted off an onrushing Swindon forward and into the net for a freak goal.

But desperation turned to delight when, deep into stoppage time, a lofted ball into the box was flicked on into a queue of United players.

Clark let the ball bounce and fired past a helpless keeper. Cue delirium from fans, players and staff alike.

The goal had even more significance when it emerged that Hook Norton had also scored late to win 2-1.

Leam Howards scores for Ardley

Ardley breaking a sweat in 5-1 win for semi final place

Ardley United

STRIKER Leam Howards scored his second hat-trick in a week as Ardley United progressed into the semi-final of the Supplementary Cup with a 5-1 win at Chalfont Wasps.

Goal-happy Howards netted a treble in the last game of the league season in a 4-3 win at Longlevens AFC and he was at it again on Saturday as United hurried to a 4-0 half time lead.

Ardley, who finished fifth in the Hellenic Premier League, wasted no time to assert their dominance as Howards grabbed his first of the afternoon on three minutes with a fine curling effort into the top corner.

Just two minutes later and Carl Tappin rolled the ball home with, aptly, a tap in.

Utterly dominant, United had one foot in the semi-final by half time after Matt Cruse (34 minutes) and Howards (37) extended the visitors' lead to four. They even had a fifth ruled out for offside on the cusp of half time.

Chalfont, who play a tier below Ardley in the Hellenic League Division One East, came out for the second half with more desire and took the game to United from the start.

Kieron Webb got in behind the Ardley defence and smashed into the bottom corner to give Chalfont some hope.

But that is all it was as, with little over 20 minutes remaining, Howards completed his hat-trick when a Nathaniel Lewars run into the box was blocked but Howards pounced on the loose ball to tuck into the bottom corner.

The semi-final against Bicester Town, who play in the same division as Chalfont and groundshare with Ardley, is on Saturday.

The final will take place on April 29 but the venue for the match is yet to be confirmed.

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19	Shrewsbury Town	44	-16	48
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Appleton demands the best from his players to the end

Josh Ruffels shoots past Deniz Mehmet to give United the lead Picture: Steve Daniels

By George Welch

THERE were mixed thoughts from Oxford United boss Michael Appleton after his side pushed Port Vale deeper into relegation problems on Easter Monday.

Midfielder Josh Ruffels scored his first league goal of the season and Chris Maguire netted his 12th in a 2-0 win at the Kassam.

The U's have come to terms with missing out on a play-off place this year but boss Appleton is still demanding the very best from his players right up to the last minute of a long season.

Speaking after picking up three points on Monday, which leaves Vale a point from safety, Appleton said: "It was a mixed performance.

"Some of our stuff in possession at times was decent and we created enough chances to win two or three games, but I wasn't pleased with the way we went about things out of possession of the ball.

"I felt we relied too much on our back five and they had to work a lot harder than I wanted and what I expected.

"The reality is we have won the game and kept a clean sheet but I am always looking ahead and thinking to the next one. And the next one [at Millwall] is a pretty big one for me because we go to a side who are fighting to try and get in that top six.

"We want to go there if we possibly can and try and prevent that for at least a week."

Pride, contracts and futures can still be won and lost in the remaining two matches.

The U's boss of nearly three years added: "I know it's difficult. We have had a very, very good season, played a hell of a lot of games, a lot of highs and lows, but you never know when your last game is. You never know who is watching. You're always playing for something whether it's pride, whatever it may be.

"There are players in that dressing room playing for contracts as well."

United travel to Millwall on Saturday for their last away game of the season.

Appleton said: "I made it clear we can't afford to go to Millwall and be as poor as we were out of possession.

"I want to finish the season on a high. I don't want to be average, I don't want to be middle of the road.

"It hurts when you have to accept what we had to accept last week – after the defeat [to Fleetwood] we couldn't make the play-offs.

"I just want the players to play to a standard we have come to expect over the time since they have been here."

The U's also lost 1-0 at play-off chasing Bradford City on Good Friday.

Nicky Law scored the decisive and priceless goal on the hour mark with a simple finish from six yards in front of nearly 20,000 spectators.

United travel to Millwall on Saturday before they host Shrewsbury on April 30 for the 46th – and last – game of the SkyBet League One campaign.

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